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ASSESSMENT BILL DEBATED

OPPOSITION LEADER TAKES ACTIVE PART

H. C. Brewster and John Jardine Among the New Members Plead Farmers' Cause.

The legislature yesterday afternoon proceeded to the ordinary business and occupied nearly all of the afternoon with a consideration of amendments to the Assessment Act. The debate in committee brought into relief the exceptional ability of the leader of the opposition as a legislator. Mr. Macdonald ever since he entered the House has shown that he possesses to a peculiar degree the many qualities which go to make an ideal law maker. He evinces a readiness to see the weak points in proposed legislation and the difficulties which will result from the passage of what of late years at least have been laws ill-considered before being brought down to the House. Mr. Macdonald's advice is therefore ever timely and in many cases has resulted advantageously to the general welfare. Too often, however, the government rather than admit their weakness refuse to accede to his suggestions with results which are anything but satisfactory. Yesterday the leader of the opposition in the proposal to make the minimum taxation on banks $1,000 saw a wrong principle. He showed the government that they were proceeding on a wrong line and pointed out a way to right the trouble the Minister of Finance complained of. The latter contended that some of the banks sent the money deposited out of the province, and so the officers of the government could not get at the true conditions. Mr. Macdonald showed that if banks got out of their just dues in that way an injustice was done in letting them off with $1,000 in taxes when more should be paid. If a smaller bank was not properly entitled to pay $1,000 it was an injustice to charge them that amount. If false returns were made, he contended it was a simple matter for the government to deal with them as was done with mining companies and others. This was to put the taxes up high enough and let the bank prove that it was taxed unfairly.

The Minister of Finance and his sponsor, the president of the council, undoubtedly saw the force of the argument. They did not answer it except to iterate that they waned to get even with the banks that did not supply the proper returns. They would not accept the suggestion of the leader of the opposition and backed by a faithful following they will put the bill through as it was introduced.

The debate called one of the new members, H. C. Brewster, the member for Alberni, into the fight. Representing a constituency in which there is a large farming population, he was not slow to take early opportunity to look after their interests. He had placed on the order paper an amendment to the act whereby improvements on farm lands up to $1,000 would be exempt from taxation. He pressed for this only to be borne down by the members on the government side. Not to be daunted he has given notice to move in the same direction when the bill is considered on report.

His views expressed on the proposed taxation of canneries showed that he is to be a live member. John Jardine, another new member, ably took a part in the debate.

Before the House rose Hon. H. E. Young, the Provincial Secretary, who was elected by acclamation at the bye-election in Atlin the day before, took his seat. Pending the arrival of the writ a telegraphic communication was accepted by the speaker as sufficient upon which the new member should be accorded his seat, and accordingly he was introduced to the speaker being escorted by the Premier and Hon. R. G. Tatlow amid applause from both sides of the House.

MINISTERS ANSWER MANY QUERIES

The House was late in opening, it being about 20 minutes after two before the Speaker entered.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Canon Beanlands.

The following petitions were presented:

By A. H. Macgowan, from Edgar Bloomfield and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Exploration, Smelting & Mining Co.

By Fred Davey, from the corporation of the city of Victoria, for a private bill granting additional powers to the city.

By Price Ellison, from A. W. Giles, for a private bill to incorporate the Imperial Fire Underwriters Company.

By H. B. McGuire, from Edgar Bloomfield and others, for a private bill to consolidate certain mining leases and mining claims.

By Mr. Macgowan, from the Bullion Hydraulic Mining Co., for a private bill to consolidate certain mining leases and claims.

By W. J. Bowser, from F. J. Procter and others, of Vancouver, for a private bill to incorporate the "Vancouver Stock Exchange."

By Mr. Macgowan, from the Cariboo Gold Mining Co., for a private bill to consolidate certain mining leases and claims.

The petition from the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Co., for a private bill to amend its Corporate Act was received.

On the motion of Hon. R. G. Tatlow the formal motion that the speech of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor at the opening of the present session be taken into consideration on Monday next, was passed.

J. Garden asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. How many special licenses for timber lands have been granted under the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1905?"
2. What have been the proceeds from such licenses?
3. Number of limits surveyed under said act.

Hon. F. J. Fulton replied as follows:
"1. 6,922.
"2. $893,194.87.
"3. 71."

John Oliver asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. What is the amount of tolls collected upon the New Westminster bridge during the last twelve months (month by month if convenient)?
2. What was the cost of removing the toll collector's office and erection of the second office?
3. What was the cost of the cash registers used on the bridge?
4. What is the cost of collection of these (per month)?

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LAID OVER TILL NEXT MEETING

BOARD CONSIDERS REQUEST FOR MORE PAY

School Trustees Take Different Views With Regard to the Teachers' Application.

The petition of the local school teachers for an all-round increase in salaries was received by the board of school trustees at their regular monthly meeting last evening.

With the reading of the letter placing the claims of the teachers before the board, instancing the fact that, owing to the increase in the cost of living, a dollar had little more purchasing power than 75 cents formerly, the debate commenced.

Trustee Lewis asked the chairman if it was not true that many of those signing the petition had recently received substantial increases from the board; if they had not expressed themselves as pleased and satisfied with these, and had even written the board thanking them for their action. He thought it was an attempt to hold up the board, and was entirely prompted by the fact that the local teachers had been fired by the example of the teachers of Vancouver.

The chairman, Trustee Jay, stated that this was the case. Moreover, upon the list there appeared the names of several teachers who had recently been appointed to the board, and had been glad enough to secure the position at the salaries offered.

Superintendent Eaton in reply to a query stated that generally speaking, the salaries of the teachers in Vancouver were higher than those paid here. He could not say exactly. He had written Vancouver asking for a statement as to the salaries paid there, but it had not been received as yet by him.

Trustee Riddell was in favor of giving the application of the teachers their attention. There was no reason if it should prove necessary why some supplementary estimates should not be sent in to the council. He favored the appointment of a committee of three to go into the subject. He was supported in this stand by Trustee Huggett.

Trustees Lewis and Bishop opposed the motion. They thought the matter should be left over until the next regular meeting of the board, when they would have additional data and would be in a better condition to deal with the question.

A tie occurred when the motion was put to the meeting, and Chairman Jay cast the deciding vote in favor of the stand taken by Trustees Lewis and Bishop.

The application of A. G. Smith, assistant janitor at the Central school asking for an increase in salary was granted. He will in future receive $50 per month instead of $40.

The request of the janitor of the High school that he should be relieved of the care of the grounds was received, but the board did not see its way clear to grant the request.

HERRING FOR ORIENT.

The herring season, which has just closed, has been a most successful one at Nanajmo, not only to the individual fishermen and the curing companies, but particularly to the Japanese, who this year have reaped a rich harvest from the harbors of Nanaimo, Departure Bay and adjacent waters. Within the past ten days one firm alone, Ikeda & Co., has shipped more than 1,000 tons of Nanaimo herring to the Orient, the last shipment of some 300 tons going forward by the next Oriental liner. The shipments are landed at Yokohama, and distributed to sub-agents in Formosa, Shanghai and throughout Manchuria.

WANTS SCOPE TO BE EXTENDED

MOVEMENT TO OBTAIN LOCAL UNIVERSITY

Trustee Huggett Wants Affiliation With Toronto University as Well as McGill.

The motion of which Trustee Huggett had given notice some weeks ago came up for consideration at the meeting of the school board last evening. It deals with the proposal to establish a provincial university, that in the meanwhile, the Victoria College be put on an equality with the Vancouver institution and that if possible affiliation with Toronto as well as McGill University be obtained.

In introducing his motion Mr. Huggett stated that he objected to domination by McGill. That institution by right of the present arrangement had the power to say where any colleges affiliated with the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, should be located. This did not satisfy the graduates of other universities, and indeed many McGill men were dissatisfied with the arrangement.

Excellent work had been done in the Vancouver College, and the supervision of McGill has been eminently satisfactory. McGill has splendid curricula, but he did not think that its arts course equalled that of Toronto. He thought that the board should adopt the resolution he offered, and should, with a delegation from the University Club of this city, of which H. D. Helmcken was president, wait on the government and urge them to take action along the lines recommended.

The board thought the resolution too important a one to be urged at present. Finally it was decided to lay the proposal over until the next meeting, and in the meanwhile to furnish each of the trustees with a copy of the motion.

The motion reads as follows:

That whereas the proposed setting aside of public lands by the provincial government as endowment for a future provincial university, brings to the attention of the public the desirability of so directing higher educational projects in the meantime that there should be as little friction as possible in its establishment; and

Whereas it appears desirable that the scope of the university work in Victoria College should be extended at once, be it therefore

Resolved, that this board recommend to the government the following outline of policy in the development of educational work in British Columbia:

1. That the composition of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning in B. C. should be so modified as to make it more representative, not only of government, but of all institutions receiving government grants and doing university work, and of other colleges that may wish to affiliate with the provincial university whenever established.

2. That the administration of the finances of all such university work in colleges receiving government grants be placed in the hands of the Royal Institution, and that they in conjunction with the faculties interested, fix the course of study and control the examinations in all university work.

3. That the Royal Institution should seek affiliation with both McGill and Toronto Universities, to the extent at least that until our own university is established students from colleges in this province be accepted upon the standard required by the aforementioned institution.

4. That the Royal Institution be empowered to extend the work of Victoria College to include two years of a general course in Arts and one year in Applied Science. That other colleges be established in other parts of the province wherever necessary, to do a similar grade of work, and that all these colleges shall be permanently a part of the provincial University system.

5. That all other university work, including courses in Medicine, Agriculture, etc., be taken as much as possible in one place, and in the "Central University Buildings" when erected.

6. That we urge upon the provincial government not only to set aside lands as a source of endowment, but that each year a substantial appropriation from the general revenue be set aside for the same purpose.

AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

Lord Nevill Charged With Stealing Jewelry by Means of a Trick.

London, March 13.—Lord Wm. Beauchampe Nevill, fourth son of the Marquis of Abergavenny, is again in the hands of the authorities, and to-day was remanded at a police station charged with stealing jewelry by means of a trick. Lord Nevill was sentenced to five years at the Old Bailey on February 15th, 1898, for fraud in connection with a promissory note, the prosecutor being Captain Spencer Clay. In the present case Lord Nevill is charged with stealing a box containing $2,000 worth of diamond jewelry by exchanging it for a similar box apparently containing the jewels, but which, when opened, was found to contain two pieces of coal wrapped in tissue paper. Lord Nevill was remanded on $5,000 bail.

EASTERN HOCKEY.

Kenora, Man., March 13.—Brandon and Kenora have arranged to play the best two out of three games to decide the championship of the Manitoba hockey league and the right to defend the Stanley cup. That is, of course, providing Brandon defeats the Strathconas at Winnipeg on Thursday night. The game between Brandon and the Thistles will be played in Winnipeg at the Arena rink the first Saturday night and the second on Monday. If the Thistles win they will defend the Stanley cup at home, and the first game will be played a week from Friday night.

FIVE EXECUTIONS A DAY.

St. Petersburg, March 13.—Statistics published to-day regarding the drumhead court martial show that up to March 5th, when their activity was suspended, 764 persons were executed, an average of almost five daily. The majority of the executions occurred in Poland and the Baltic provinces.

KILLED IN A RUNAWAY.

Seattle, March 13.—Frank McCoombs, an aged settler living at Fremont, was instantly killed in a runaway. McCoombs had just purchased a new team in town, and was driving them to his home when the horses became frightened at a locomotive and ran away. In attempting to stop them, McCoombs leaned too far over the side of the wagon, and his head was dashed up against a telephone pole, killing him instantly.

PROCEEDS WITH WORK ON TRACK

The Executive Committee of Agricultural Association Decided on This Action.

The executive committee of the British Columbia Agricultural Association at its meeting yesterday afternoon decided to at once commence the improvement of the race track.

This has long been an eye-sore to horsemen. Lack of drainage and proper care have been responsible for its condition, and as a result, horsemen decline to hold race meets here.

The meeting yesterday was called to consider engineer Devereux's report as to the best method of putting it in first-class condition. The plan submitted provides for the laying out of a half-mile course, properly drained and graded. The new track will be slightly raised at the outer edge, and will slope gently inward. The main drain, which will be put in under the supervision of the city engineer, will be on the inside of the track, and is to be connected up with the city drain. Small drains will be laid across the track which will make it possible to keep the track dry the year round.

W. W. Northcott, building inspector, was instructed to furnish an estimate as to the cost of the erection of a high board fence around the grounds. Work on the course is to be commenced immediately and horsemen may rest assured that they will soon have a track second to none on the Pacific.

The same committee considered the question of providing suitable grounds for the lacrosse and baseball clubs. Arrangements are being made to have the committee, along with the club representatives visit the park and decide upon a location.

The committee meets again early next week.

COMMISSIONER IS IN TOWN

J. S. DENNIS PREDICTS A RECORD YEAR

Kootenays Are Attracting Many Settlers This Season---The Rush to Victoria.

J. S. Dennis, land commissioner of the C. P. R., arrived in the city last evening. He is here for the purpose of attending a banquet of the local Canadian Club which is to be held on Friday at noon. Mr. Dennis says that he is no longer taking any part in the management of the lands of the company in the E. & N. belt. That work will be under the charge of R. Marpole for the future. The remaining lands of the C. P. R. in the province will continue to be managed by Mr. Dennis.

The prospects for a record year in the history of settlement in the province is excellent he says. There are more inquiries than ever before for lands. These come from residents of the British Isles, Eastern Canada and the United States. For the most part the inquiries are for fruit lands.

The Kootenays are attracting a great deal of attention in this line, and Mr. Dennis thinks that the Columbia valley and other areas of that part of the province will become very important fruit producers. The staple production will be apples, which after all is perhaps the most satisfactory fruit which can be produced. This is due to the fact that there is not the same need of haste in the marketing of the apple as there is with other perishable fruits, such as peaches and plums.

Mr. Dennis thinks that the valleys of the Kootenays will yet become the great producers of apples in the province.

Speaking of the rush of residents to Victoria he says that the fame of the city is principally on the score of its residential attractions. That is the feature which has been made the most of in advertising the city. If industries are to be established, it would look as if an attempt would have to be made to show the advantages of the city from that standpoint also.

MANY PERSONS PERISH IN FLOOD

NUMBER OF TOWNS ALMOST SUBMERGED

Rivers in Pennsylvania and West Virginia Rising Rapidly--Danger Not Over.

(Associated Press.)

Pittsburg, Pa., March 14.—The stage of water reached in the rivers here to-day was thirty feet, and it was rising eight inches an hour. The stage at 5 o'clock was eight feet over the danger mark. The low portions of Pittsburg and Allegheny and surrounding towns were flooded. Skiffs and wagons are being used for transportation in the flooded districts.

The weather bureau says the present flood is the most remarkable on record, and the situation is serious. The health bureau has notifitd the people to boil drinking water as the water is poisonous owing to the flood conditions, and a typhoid fever epidemic is feared.

Alarming reports are being received here from all parts of western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Every stream is overflowing its banks. Many towns are almost submerged, and hundreds of houses are surrounded by water, and the people are living in upper flats. Coal mines along the rivers in the Mononghela valley are flooded, and thousands of miners are idle. Mills and business houses have one to three feet of water on their first flat, stopping business.

The damage to property will be at least $500,000.

In Allegheny many fatalities have occurred on account of the flood, and others are reported in many sections.

The danger is increased by the heavy ice gorges in the Monongshela and Allegheny rivers, about 25 miles above the city. One ice gorge alone in the Clarion river at Parker, Pa., is three miles in length, and continued rains and high temperature threaten to start it toward Pittsburg.

All the railroads entering Pittsburg, except the main line of the Pennsylvania and the Pittsburg and Lake Erie, are crippled. On the Baltimore & Ohio train service is almost suspended, and on the branch lines there is a complete suspension. Trains on the West Pennsylvania division of the Pennsylvania road are being brought direct into the city as they are unable to reach the Alleghenny stations. Street car lines in the suburbs are either suspended or are running spasmodically, and many persons are having much difficulty in reaching the city.

"ACCIDENTAL DEATH."

Verdict Rendered by Coroner's Jury in the Case of Richard Brunnell.

The inquest into the death of Richard Brunnell, who was drowned on Tuesday evening at Elk lake, was held this morning by Coroner Hart at the city hall.

From the evidence it appears that the men of whom Brunnell was one, were in the habit of using rafts. In company with his companion J. Svorneson, Brunnell left the island to paddle to shore. Each had a raft. In some manner Brunnell became overbalanced, and fell into the water. No one of those working on the island or mainland actually saw him fall, but James Patterson, who was washing the mud from his boots on shore said it was only a few seconds from the time he last saw him when the deceased fell into the water.

Those on shore hastened to his assistance as rapidly as possible, but were too late. D. Lehman, of the city waterworks, stated that it must have three quarters of an hour before the body was found. Even if a boat had been at hand he could not have been saved, as he never rose to the surface. The body was found in about fourteen feet of water.

A verdict of accidental death was rendered. The jury also recommended that in future not less than two be allowed on a raft at one time, and that boats be kept handy in case of emergency.

The friends of deceased have been notified of the accident, but up to the present no word from them has been received. If no word is received, the body will be interred to-morrow.

NEW SWIMMING RECORD.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 14.—C. M. Daniels broke one of his world's records last night in a special race at the Columbia-Yale aquatic meet in the New York Athletic Club Natatorium. Daniels was pitted against C. D. Trubenbach in a race of 150 yards, in which he gave Trubenbach a handicap of twelve seconds. Trubenbach finished about six inches in front, but Daniels's time was 1 minute 34 2-5 seconds, beating the previous record of 1.36 held by himself. In lowering the 150 yard record, Daniels also brought down the American record for 120 yards from 1 minute 14 seconds to 1 minute 12 3-5 seconds.

BOMB EXPLOSION.

Kharkov, Russia, March 13.—While the police to-day were searching the rooms occupied by a student a bomb exploded, killing an officer of the gendarmes. Three policemen and six civilians were injured.

STRIKE MAY RESULT.

Winnipeg Builders' Exchange Decline to Grant Increase in Wages.

Winnipeg, March 12.—Everything points to a big building strike in June when the present agreement between members of the Builders' Exchange and the building trades of the city runs out. Carpenters, bricklayers, builders' laborers and other unions are demanding an increase in wages, and the Builders' Exchange cannot see its way clear to meet the demands of the men.

Carpenters are asking for an increase of ten cents, from 35 to 45 cents per hour; bricklayers are at present paid 60 cents, but ask for another advance. The men are firm in their demands, while the Builders' Exchange is equally decided that it cannot grant any further increase. So far the employers and employees have been unable to come to an understanding, not even sufficient to allow the board of arbitration which was appointed last year at the time of the building strike to meet.

PROBABLY MURDERED.

Toronto, March 13.—Maggie Wilson, a domestic with a Rosedale family, was found dying under the Huntley street bridge this morning. She was removed to the hospital and died in the ambulance. Foul play is suspected, as it is stated she had been threatened that she would meet with trouble if she did not keep company with a certain young man.

THE PROPOSED IMPERIAL COUNCIL

MISUNDERSTANDING AMONG COLONIES

Canada Not Favor to Formation on Lines Which Have Been Suggested.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 14.—A cable from London says that Premier Ward, of New Zealand, is enthusiastic over the appointment of an Imperial council at the coming colonial conference, and that Premier Deakin, of Australia, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier are also in favor of this.

There is evidently some mistake as the position of the Canadian government in regard to an Imperial council has already been made known in a minute of the council, and it is not favorable on the lines suggested. In regard to a better understanding with Great Britain as to treaties the other colonies will support Canada.

A FAREWELL DINNER.

Local Basketball Team Gives an Enthusiastic Send-Off to Manager Major.

William Major, the manager of the Y. M. C. A. basketball team, was the recipient of a farewell dinner and a presentation at the Palms restaurant last night. The occasion was his departure in company with E. Crompton, W. Naysmith and W. Webster, to tour the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan in the interests of the weekly paper Success.

E. M. White, chairman of the dinner, presented W. Major with an address, the thanks of the team for his valuable services, and a solid gold locket suitably inscribed. In reply, the recipient made a bright little speech in which he recounted many humorous anecdotes of what had befallen the basketball team during its recent tour through the Sound cities. The Rev. W. E. Dunham, R. H. Horn, and A. J. Brace were responsible for other speeches.

The dinner was brought to a happy conclusion with three cheers for the ladies, the basketball team, Mr. Major and the members of the Success touring party. W. Major and his companions left this morning for Vancouver en route for Alberta.

HONDURAN WARSHIPS.

Crews Are Reported to Include American Gunners.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, March 14.—The Honduran gunboat Tambla and the Mexican steamer Olympia, under charter, both equipped with rifles and cannon and with a large and well-armed force, including American gunners, under the command of General Quiroze, left here yesterday and steamed in the direction of Trujillo.

The reports that Americans have been pressed for service in the Honduran army are untrue.

OPPOSE HOME RULE.

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, March 14.—The Orange Grand Lodge at Orangeville to-day adopted a resolution opposing Home Rule for Ireland.

OFFER TO BUILD DRY DOCKS.

Fort William, Ont., March 13.—A company has made an offer to spend $1,500,000 on dry docks and employ five hundred men, if granted certain concessions.

TO ENDOW UNIVERSITY.

Regina, Sask., March 13.—The University bill provides for a grant for endowment of 150,000 acres to a thorough teaching institution covering all professions and mechanical sciences.

TERRIFIC SLUMP ON WALL STREET

RUMORED TROUBLE IN EUROPE THE CAUSE

Millions of Dollars Shrinkage in Values of Securities--Many Fortunes Annihilated.

A panic that has not had its equal since the famous Black Friday in the history of Wall street began late yesterday afternoon just prior to the closing the stock exchange, and has ranged all day to-day. Hundreds of people have been rendered penniless, fortunes have been lost and perhaps some few fortunes made in less than 24 hours. The origin of the slump is a mystery.

Rumors were current on the American exchange of some serious European complications. Consols fell and European securities generaly fell away, having its inevitable effect on the American securities.

The market has been a weak one for the past month, and a shrinkage in stocks amounting to millions has been felt, but the culmination came to-day.

Beginning with the opening of the New York exchange this morning the securities were thrown on the market, and bears began to make their killing.

Union Pacific, which closed yesterday at 155¾, dropped to 135¾, and was still falling.

Reading fell from 124½ to 91.

St. Paul dropped from 143¾ to 125.

Southern Pacific fell from 86 to 69¾.

American Smelting tumbled from 135 to 110.

New York Central dropped from 121¼ to 111½.

Amalgamated Copper fell from 104⅞ to 80.

The terrible slump on Wall street had its effect on the Canadian securities, but not to as marked a degree. C. P. R. fell from 174⅞ to 167.

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THE LUMBER INQUIRY.

More Witnesses Examined Before Special Committee of Commons.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 14.—At to-day's meeting of the lumber combine committee, Mr. Groggan, secretary of the Alberta Retail Dealers' Association, was examined. He confirmed the evidence already given that the Mountain Mills Manufacturing Association only sold to recognized dealers. Mr. Bekker, secretary of the Staples Company, of Calgary, was next examined. The company owns 17 yards. On account of the large number of yards they had been able to get better prices from the Mountain Mills Association than others.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

The Canadian Club at Its Special Meeting Elects Many New Members —Luncheon To-Morrow.

A special meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club took place yesterday afternoon in the Tourist Association rooms to consider applications for membership.

The following were unanimously elected, a ballot being dispensed with: Hon. Wm. Templeman, Hon. (Dr.) H. E. Young, Captain J. W. Troup, John M. Langley, S. C. Dyke, Adam P. Moffatt, E. B. Jones, George Jay, R. M. Palmer, J. K. Worsfold, J. W. Peppett, Andrew Wright, J. Smart Yates, Jas. A. Harvey (Cranbrook), Harold F. Nation, Herbert Stanton, Isador Lancaster, P. R. Brown, Rev. D. MacRae, Thomas Davis, W. L. Chaloner, W. Leslie Foote, Hugh R. McIntyre, Arthur Davies, Dr. Ford Verrinder, G. W. Dean and H. S. Crotty.

Those of the above who have not paid their membership fee of $2 are requested to call at the Imperial Bank to-day and pay the treasurer, Mr. J. S. Gibb, so as to be eligible to participate in entertaining Mr. J. S. Dennis at luncheon to-morrow. Luncheon tickets are on sale at Hibben & Co.'s, and members are advised to buy early, to enable the catering committee to provide for them.

HOCKEY AT OAK BAY.

Victoria Team Will Make a Great Effort to Defeat Vancouver on Saturday.

One of the best games of the season will be played on Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay park, when the Vancouver men's hockey team visit this city to play against the local aggregation in one of the games for the British Columbia championship.

The Victoria team, which has been in a rather apathetic state all season realizes that it must make a strong effort to win this match, and as a result all the old players who have upheld Victoria's position at hockey in previous years have decided to turn out. The game will be called at 3.15 p. m., and Victoria will be represented by the following: Futcher, Meredith, McLean, Newcombe, Winsby, Hall, Tye, Scholefield, Schwengers (captain), Winsby and Carne. Sergeant Warder, of the Garrison, will officiate as referee.

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—The outbreak of scarlatina in Victoria West is checked, according to Superintendent Eaton. "There was only one case," said he, "and that has been isolated." No further trouble is expected.

The Cunard liner Saxonia reached Boston this morning and landed 1,585 passengers.

Advices have been received that the steamer Aorangi will reach the outer wharf to-morrow afternoon.

SURGEON'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Toronto, March 14.—Lieut.-Col. Dr. G. A. Peters, professor in the medical faculty of Toronto University and one of the most widely known surgeons of Toronto, died suddenly yesterday from heart trouble at his residence.

FIGHTING OVER AN AFFIDAVIT

JEROME STRIVES TO INTRODUCE TESTIMONY

Contends It Has an Important Bearing on Evidence Given By Evelyn Thaw.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 14.—A crucial point in the trial of Harry K. Thaw has been reached. It revolves about the affidavit which Abraham Hummell has in his possession and which is said to have been dictated by him at the instance of Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw. The legal fight to admit this testimony began yesterday when District Attorney Jerome made the first impassioned address yet heard at the trial in which he pleaded eloquently for its admission.

The fight will continue to-day, and Mr. Delmas, for the defence, will argue against its admission.

It was to give the defence time to study precedents and otherwise prepare for the fight that the court adjourned yesterday after a brief session.

The importance of the affidavit was brought out by Mr. Jerome in his address yesterday. He told of Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw's story on the stand, which she said she told to Thaw in Paris and the district attorney said if the jury believed the story they would carry it in their minds and seriously weigh it in determining the question of whether Thaw's reason was unhinged.

"If on the other hand," he said, "I am allowed to show that Evelyn Thaw did not tell Thaw that White had drugged her and attacked her, and we can show that the jury has grave reasons to doubt this matter, will this not be a matter which the jury has reason to weigh in determining whether this man was of unsound mind when he killed White."

Mr. Jerome declared that in this affidavit she swore that she had never told Thaw in Paris this story about the assault by White; furthermore, she swore that Thaw had tried to induce her to sign papers in proceedings to get White in jail, using the story as a basis, that she told him it was not true and that when he insisted that she sign some papers and she refused he stripped her and beat her, lashed her with a whip until her skin was lacerated."

THE GUN TAX.

To the Editor:—The Fish and Game Clubs of this province seem determined to get a gun tax law passed and enforced by the legislature, and are circulating a petition to get people to sign in its favor. The workingman that, perhaps, in the course of a season cannot get more than a day or two off to hunt, will be very foolish if he signs such a petition. If such a law should pass he will have to pay the tax for his day's hunt, and, in the next place, where is he to hunt? For there is nowhere within miles of Victoria but where he is debarred from hunting by notices of "trespassers will be prosecuted," "no shooting allowed," etc., and under the by-laws of some of the little new-fangled municipalities he dare not shoot on the public highway or go along the beach and fire into the sea.—He is informed he must ask the owners of land for leave to shoot over their land. What a merry hunt a hunter would have to find the different owners of all the many wild patches of land anywhere within miles of Victoria to get their permission to hunt on their lands. It would take so much of his time that he would have no time to hunt for game.

And this brings us to the question, what do the Fish and Game Clubs propose to give us for the tax on our guns? Very few workingmen can afford to go far from the cities to hunt, and it is only the wealthy classes who can spare the time and cost of going a long distance for a hunt, and these are the very parties that want a gun tax put on, so as to have all the game to themselves. They don't want those common fellows that have to work for a living to share in what they are pleased to call sport. Who are the Fish and Game Club? They are a small minority of the electors of this province. During the late general election why did they not come out and agitate the question? There was not a whisper of it mentioned then; but now, in a sly, underhand way, they are getting a petition up and circulating it for people to sign, just the same as the Lord's Day Alliance worked their oracle. They expect to hoodwink the government and legislature into the belief that the majority of the people want this gun tax on, to preserve the game of the province, to preserve it, forsooth, for the gentlemen of the Fish and Game Club. It is claimed it is to pay for the protection of the game that the tax is to be put. It is considered that the game is a valuable asset of the province. That being so, then the whole province should bear the expense of protecting it. It is hinted that there will be game preserves set apart, but that is a dark horse kept in reserve by the Fish and Game Clubs until they get in their end of the wedge of the three-dollar gun tax first, then it will be an easy thing to raise the tax to five or ten dollars, or perhaps more, until the common fellows will have to quit hunting altogether and the Fish and Game Clubs have it all to themselves.

Now, sir, I am as much in favor of preserving the fish and game of the province as anyone, and I fail to see where the Fish and Game Clubs have suggested any thorough means to that end. In the first place, I claim the shooting season is too long—for deer shooting especially. The shooting of does after the 15th of November means the loss of from two to three, as they are generally in young at that time. Therefore, the open season should close and end November 15th, and not as now December 15th, and I would suggest that a higher bounty be paid for the destruction of wolves and panthers. These animals prey on the deer, and have nothing else to live on except the farmer's sheep, hogs or small cattle, when the deer get scarce. It is estimated that each wolf and panther kills not less than from twelve to twenty deer in a year. The right of prospectors to kill game at any time will have to be modified, as that privilege has been greatly abused. But some provision may be made by which genuine prospectors may, when too far from bases of supplies for getting provisions, etc., be allowed to shoot game for their immediate use. With such amendments to the Game Protection Act as it at present stands affords all the protection required, providing the law is enforced as other laws are.

W. A. ROBERTSON.

FORMER VICTORIAN KILLED NEAR SEATTLE

Run Down By a Passenger Train and Succumbed to His Injuries.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, March 14.—Ed. Hillier, who came to this city from Victoria a couple of months ago, was killed by a Northern Pacific train while he was crossing the railroad tracks in a wagon near Kent this morning.

There are two tracks where the accident occurred, and Hillier had just avoided a freight train on one track when the passenger train came upon him. The horses had barely cleared the track when the locomotive struck the wagon, throwing Hillier into the air. He was quickly taken to the hospital at Kent, where he died two hours later.

Hillier leaves several relatives, who live at Victoria. He recently bought a ranch in White River valley, for which he paid $8,000.

ABOUT THE HOUSE.

Government Displeases Its Own Supporters—Questions by John Jardine.

There can be no question that Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance, and the government generally, weakened their standing with their own supporters yesterday afternoon when it was insisted that the long amendment covering the question of taxation of canneries was forced into the bill to amend the Assessment Act without being first placed on the order paper as a notice of motion. Several of the supporters of the government noticing the effect that would be produced by what might be interpreted as a tyrannical act by a government feeling that it had a following sufficient to bear down all opposition, warned the minister to proceed slowly.

The Minister of Finance was determined, however, to have his way, and while there was little outward display of resentment on the part of his supporters there has been aroused a feeling that the government will have to take care to counteract if it is to have the entire confidence of the Conservative side of the legislature.

John Jardine is taking an early opportunity to have the claims of his riding, Esquimalt, brought to the attention of the House. He has had the following questions placed on the order paper to be asked on Friday next:

Question of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

Is it the intention of the government to construct a new bridge across the Sooke river on trunk road, during the coming season?

Question of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

Is it the intention of the government to complete the trunk road from Coal Creek to Port Renfrew, during the coming season?

The mining committee of the House met last evening and organized with W. Ross, chairman, and J. H. Scholefield, secretary.

The municipal committee met this morning and took into consideration a bill to be introduced by John Oliver intitled the Ditches and Water Courses Act.

WELL-KNOWN CAPTAIN DIES.

After a sea service of fifty-two years, of which forty-two were spent as a commander, Captain Hiram Gardener Morse died a few days ago at his son's residence, 2216 Buen Vista avenue, Alameda, after several years of ill-health?.

Captain Morse commenced his sea service when but a young boy, first working with the mackerel fleet. Later he went to the South Sea Islands in the pepper trade. He came to California in 1869 and was commander of the old side-wheel steamers Colorado, Alaska, Constitution, the original China and the screw steamer City of Peking of the Pacific Mail. For several years he was on the northern run of the side-wheeler Dakota for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. Later he served for twelve yers on the Oceanic liner Alameda, running to Honolulu and Australia. Before taking command of stemships he was master of sailing vessels, visiting all parts of the world, and his record runs on sailing ships between Honolulu and Boston, made half a century ago, still stand at the head for fleetness.

TERRIFIC SLUMP ON WALL STREET

(Continued From Page 1.)

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 14.—Wall street opened in a turmoil of excitement to-day and after making a momentary stand against weakness, broke the quite generally. Individual stocks were unloaded at rapid declines, indicating the continuance of forced liquidation.

The struggle between opposing forces at the opening was stimulated by news from London, where a sharp rebound had occurred after a period of extreme nervousness, and the announcement of two failures. The supposition that the worst was thus disclosed at that centre prompted some aggressive support at the opening here, and some leading superlative stocks started one to two points above last night. Reading made 2 points advance, Louisville and Nashville, 1½, and some of the Pacifics and Trunk lines a point or more. Fluctuations were feverish and violent and the trend of the market was not clearly preceptable: Amal. Copper, 1¾ points, Great Northern had 3¼; Amn. Loco., 3½; D. & H., 5¾; Atlantic Coast Line and Sugar, 3; Brooklyn Transit, 2⅝; Pressed Steel, 5; Northern Pacific, 2¼, and many active stocks 1 to 2 points.

The stocks which opened higher were swept off the lower levels with the general list. United States Steel was liquidated in enormous volumes.

The renewed slump naturally gave rise to further uneasiness over the continued melting away of prices. However it was noted that the Bank of England had refrained from advancing its discount rate. The advance in the discount in London to above the bank rate indicated the continued pressure on the money market, which is believed to be responsible for the conditions in the New York market.

At noon there was a downward plunge in prices after the opening which caused extreme losses in stocks. There was a slight rally before the hour of closing. The tone continued nervous and feverish as to the recovery. A substantial rally occurred during the second hour, due to relief over the absence of money difficulty, followed by the fall in prices.

There was a large falling off in the activity of dealings and the market became quiet.

Bonds were comparatively little affected, except in the convertible classes. The steadiness which followed the first bad break lasted until after 12 o'clock. At that time another downward movement developed and drove prices for some of the leaders to the lowest prices of this year. Can. Pac. went to 177¾.

The slump to-day on Wall Street is merely a continuation of the varied and violent fluctuations in prices of securities which have been noticeable for the past four days. The whole movement was without definite news to explain it, but the volume and aggressiveness of the operations were sufficient to stamp them as coming from sources of importance. It is this implied importance of the origin of present dealings and the mystery which hangs over it which have given it impressiveness to the speculative imagination. Wall Street parlance has found a phrase "rich men's panic" to define the condition. This is based on the supposition that men of great wealth, who accumulated large holdings of stocks last year, find themselves without prospect of selling out to advantage in the present public distaste for the stock market. It is believed that they have been prompted as well by the urgency of other calls upon them, due to the universal pressure for capital and by fears of being overtaken by industrial depression, to liquidate their holding as best they may. The action of the market for several days, and of special stocks notably, has given color to this theory of the events in progress.

Into this condition of sentiment was precipitated a report that carried with it the inference that the supposedly distressed capitalists were really taking advantage of the unsettlement of values to carry out another daring exploit. The rumor alleged with positiveness that certain large centralized holdings of Reading had been taken over by E. H. Harriman securing the control of the property. The heavy liquidation some days ago in Atchison was alleged to be of Union Pacific holdings to provide resources for the Reading operation. The bears in Readings were thrown into a panic, and there were scrambles to cover all through the list. The bears were intimidated and were disinclined to pursue their attacks on prices of other stocks. There was heavy liquidation in Pennsylvania, Amalgamated Copper and Union Pacific. The absorption of the Hill stock and of Reading, however, was constant.

In the last three days the bearish movement has gained strength and continued assaults upon the Harriman group had its culmination in to-day's tremendous hammering. The rich man's panic makes it likely that Black Thursday will supersede Black Friday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GOOD BOY WANTED. Apply A. Sheret, Fort street.

WANTED—A pony, thoroughly broken, for boy to learn to ride; also saddle. Apply "H. W.," Times Office.

FOR SALE—18-foot new launch hull; a snap. Box 90, Times.

FOR QUICK SALE—Two lots on Powell street, near James Bay Methodist church, $1,600 the two, easy terms. Inquire Hinkson Siddall & Son, New Grand Theatre Building, Government street.

FOR SALE—15 acres, suitable for fruit farm, 10 miles out, price for immediate sale $500, easy terms. Inquire Hinkson Siddall & Son, New Grand Theatre Building, Government street.

FOR SALE—9 roomed house, on corner lot 60x135, fine view of Straits, Oak Bay, Mount Baker, etc., price $3,500; adjoining lot $1,000. Inquire Hinkson Siddall & Son, New Grand Theatre Building, Government street.

LOST—On Government or Fort streets, between Superior and Blanchard streets, a green Morocco hand bag containing gold watch and chain. Finder please return to Times Office. Reward.

LOST—Lady's sable fur necktie; $5 reward when brought to Times Office or Rectory, Esquimalt.

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To Contractors

Tenders are desired up to Saturday, March 16th, for removing the present old Methodist Church (except stone foundations) from the corner of Broad and Pandora Streets. The old material to become the property of the contractor.

F. M. RATTENBURY,
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Tenders for Street Naming.

Separate tenders will be received until 4 p. m., on Monday, the 25th inst., for furnishing 589 street names, or more, as required, for tiled letters as per sample now in the office of the undersigned, or other kind that would be suitable and acceptable, at so much per letter each. Also to furnish painted signs on boards, or stencilled on tin, for corners of each street, 4 to each crossing of streets, throughout the city, excepting those streets where there is cement sidewalks.

The above signs to be fixed on the corners of fences or houses, and the work is to be done, and material furnished, to the satisfaction of the Municipal Council or their Agent appointed for that purpose.

Parties tendering to state the time wherein they will furnish the said letters and make and fix the other signs.

The successful tenderer will be required to enter into a contract for the fulfilment of the above work.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent.

City Hall, March 14th, 1907.

LOCATION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated about ¾ of a mile from the head of Iceberg Bay: Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 997, Iceberg Bay, marked R. W. C. S. E. C., thence 80 chains westerly, thence 80 chains northerly, thence 80 chains easterly, thence 80 chains southerly to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

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COMEDIAN AVERTED DISASTER.

His Prompt Action Saved Many People From Death in Theatre.

Chicago, Ills., March 13.—A dispatch from Newport, Ky., says:

Between 40 and 50 persons, principally women and children, were in a state of panic when lightning struck the Grand theatre last night. They were quieted and many were saved from death by the presence of mind of a comedian performing on the stage. As it was scores of women and children were crushed.

While the performance was in progress there was a flash and the theatre was in darkness. The audience rose to its feet and made a rush for the doors, fainting women, screaming children and shouting men aroused the crowd to an excited frenzy. In the midst of the whole panic Albert Dashington, a comedian, appeared on the state with a candle in his hand and began making jokes on the thunderbolt. His words soon pacified the audience.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Representatives of Eastern Boards of Trade Meet at Greenwood.

Greenwood, March 13.—The ninth annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia met here to-day. The convention is made up of representatives of Fort Steele, Moyie, Cranbrook, Nelson, Kaslo, Trail, Rossland and Greenwood. It will probably be in session for three days.

The agenda covers important ground, including taxation of railways within municipalities, compulsory arbitration in strikes, disregard of Lord's Day Act, extension of lead bounty, lowering of Kootenay lake level, inquiry into fuel shortage during the past winter, Alaska-Yukon exposition, public ownership of telephones, putting railway freight rates on a mileage basis and the manner of deeding C. P. R. lands.

This afternoon's session was occupied in the addresses of officers and the election of new officers. G. O. Buchanan, F. A. Starkey and A. B. Mackenzie were unanimously re-elected president, first vice-president and secretary, respectively.

In the evening the visiting delegates were entertained by Grenwood citizens at a public function.

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DEATH ROLL MAY BE INCREASED

INJURED SAILORS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Number of Bodies of Victims of Explosion on French Battleship Recovered.

Toulon, March 13.—The efforts to recover the bodies of those killed by the explosion on board the battleship Jena here yesterday, which have been conducted with energy for twenty-four hours, have not yet resulted in fixing definitely the number of casualties, but after the last roll call to-night there were still unaccounted for eight officers and one hundred and ten men. There is little doubt that all the missing men perished. The roll call was applied to the crew of the Jena, but as it is believed that some twelve to fifteen arsenal hands were engaged on board the battleship at the time of the explosion it is feared that the total number of dead will reach 120.

All day long weeping mothers and wives and other relatives of the missing men thronged the approaches to the hospitals, hoping against hope that their loved ones were still alive, and eagerly scanning the stretchers that were brought in. Fifty bodies were recovered during the day, but only twelve of them could be recognized. The remainder were formless masses of charred flesh.

After the roll call, Minister of Marine Thompson reviewed the survivors and addressed a few touching words to them, after which the men who were engaged in searching the vessel returned to their task, at which they will work all night.

A correspondent of the Associated Press to-day boarded the Jena during the search for bodies. The fighting tops were bent over, there was an enormous breach amidships, and on the port side a hole about eighteen feet long and twelve feet high. Amid steel plates, rails and displaced stanchions, the correspondent saw a heap of burned flesh, bones and twisted limbs, all that remained of thirty bodies taken from the after turret. On one of the memberless trunks was a watch which was still going. It was absolutely impossible to identify any of the dead. The bodies of several suffocated sailors were found between decks and brought ashore. At times the horrible fumes from the interior of the vessel drove the searchers back on deck, and eventually they had to postpone further efforts to reach the magazine between decks. Many of the wounded are likely to succumb.

FAMINE AMONG PEASANTS.

Tartars Are Selling Girls and Old Women—Millions Are Starving.

St. Petersburg, March 13.—Telegrams from Kazan-and-ufa depict distress among the peasants such as had never before been witnessed.

Tartar peasants in Kazan are selling girls to whomever will buy them, and many old women are also being sold into slavery.

There is utter lack of food in the country, and no one can predict what the future will bring forth, in the shape of grain and flour. If it comes at all, it will be too late for thousands who will die miserable deaths. The whole population of the effected districts, numbering millions, is in a starving condition. Not the least of the evil features is the fact that there are those with money degraded enough to take advantage of the condition of the people.

HARD HORSE SENSE.

Applied to the Treatment of Lung and Throat Troubles.

Old-fashioned remedies were administered through the stomach only, but as it is impossible to swallow anything into the lungs, little benefit ever resulted.

Strong drugs, such as opium, chlorodyne and cocaine were resorted to but did more harm than good.

Nowadays, when a doctor meets a case of catarrh—finds the throat filled with mucous—sore all the way down, he prescribes "Catarrhozone" because he knows it goes direct to the disease.

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TWO BOYS PERISHED.

Alvinston, Ont., March 13.—Charlie, the 18-year-old son of Mrs. Archibald McKellar, and Milton, 16-year-old son of James Wallis, were drowned in the river here to-day. With a companion, the boys were crossing on the ice when one of them went through, and the other in trying to rescue him also went in and both were drowned. The bodies were carried under the ice and have not yet been recovered.

DIED FROM INJURIES.

Walkerville, March 13.—Frank McIntyre, of Port Stanley, an employee of the Ontario Asphalt Block Company, became entangled in a belt of the machinery, and was so badly injured that he died to-day.

TO CONSOLIDATE FLEET.

Rar-Admiral Bronson Will Command United States Warships in the Pacific.

Washington, March 13.—Complete plans for the consolidation into one fleet of all American cruising vessels in the Pacific ocean were made public by the navy department to-day. The order will probably go into effect about the end of this month, when Rear-Admiral Bronson will become commander-in-chief of everything in the Pacific, Rear-Admiral W. T. Swinburne will be commander of the second squadron.

At present the warships in the Pacific are organized into the Asiatic fleet and the Pacific squadron. The consolidation of these under one administrative head is in accordance with the navy department's policy instituted by the abolishing of the South Atlantic and European stations in the Atlantic and the concentration of all vessels in that ocean under one command. In a statement prepared by the navy department to-day it is shown that the groups of ships of the Pacific will remain in the same general position they now have, and will perform much the same duties they have at present. They will, however, probably meet for general drills and exercises anywhere on the station, and an effort will be made to repair all the larger ships in Pacific coast navy yards.

Recurring Headaches.

DO THEY BOTHER YOU?

You find life a miserable affair because you have headaches, but you have neither nausea, nor are you weak—You know if you could only prevent headaches you would enjoy perfect health.

Such headaches indicate a general lowered condition, because they arise from a general decay of the nervous system.

This depressed condition of the nervous system has its origin in the reduction of the quality and quantity of the blood.

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THE DEATH OF E. IRONSIDES.

Jury Unable to Say How Deceased Sustained Injuries.

Port Arthur, March 12.—At the adjourned inquest here to inquire into the death of Ernest Ironsides, whose body was found alongside the track by C. P. R. sectionmen, the following verdict was brought in by the coroner's jury: "We, the coroner's jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Ernest Ironsides, beg to report that the said Ernest Ironsides came to his death on the C. P. R. track, about two miles west of Mackenzie station, east of Port Arthur, on the night of March 1st, or on the early morning of Saturday, March 2nd, 1907, from injuries received, but we are not able to say definitely from the evidence adduced in what manner the said injuries were caused."

THE LUMBER COMBINE.

Witnesses Give Evidence Before the Special Committee of the House of Commons.

Ottawa, March 13.—The special committee on the lumber combine met to-day.

Chas. Thomas, representing the Grain Growers' Association, said he had an interest in a local lumber yard and factory, which was started because of the high prices charged. This firm got lumber from the States and made a profit of $4 to $5 per thousand. Since March, 1906, timber had gone up $6 per thousand. His firm refused to join the lumber association.

S. O'Brien, of Strathcona, Alta., who represented the Brunette sawmills, of Sapperton, B. C., said that he sold in the Canadian Northwest only to members of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association. The association would not cut prices. In Edmonton and Strathcona there were about ten dealers in the local association.

J. W. McMichael, Lethbridge, manager of the Enterprise Lumber Co., said the price of rough lumber in the past year and a half rose from $15 to $16 per thousand to $21 at the present time.

The best sale of timber limits yet made by the Ontario government was when thirty-six square miles in Algoma, near the line of the Algoma Central railway, were sold to E. B. Foss & Co. of Thessalon, at $10.52 per thousand board measure and $2 dues, or $3.50 per thousand cubic feet and $50 dues.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, March 6th to 12th, 1907.

In British Columbia the weather during the past week has been exceptionally fine and the precipitation light for this season of the year. At Victoria the records showed for each day nearly eight and a half hours of bright sunshine. These conditions have been caused by the general prevalence of high barometric areas over this province, while at the same time there has been a continuance of low pressure areas in California and the adjoining states. Though the days have been bright, yet light to heavy frosts have occurred at night both on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. On the 9th inst. a fresh disturbance made its appearance on the North California coast, and its movement inland caused a moderate gale on the outside waters, and fresh to strong winds on the Straits and Sound. The disturbance quickly dissipated its force, but light showers fell in this district and heavier rain in Oregon and Washington. In the Yukon and Atlin districts the snowfall has been light and the weather mostly fair and considerably warmer.

In the Middle West provinces the pressure has been somewhat varied and irregular. Several inches of snow fell in Alberta and Manitoba, and on the 10th inst. there were 13 inches of snow on the ground at Edmonton, and 15 at Winnipeg, but on the whole the weather has been seasonable and with light to moderate winds.

At Victoria, 59 hours of bright sunshine were registered; highest temperature was 54.3 on 9th; and lowest, 30.1 on 7th; rain, 0.04 inch.

At Vancouver—Highest, 53 on 9th; lowest, 25 on 12th; precipitation, 0.13 inch.

At New Westminster—Highest, 56 on 9th; lowest, 30 on 6th; rain, 0.08 inch.

At Kamloops—Highest, 44 on 6th and 9th; lowest, 18 on 12th; precipitation, 0.08 inch.

At Barkerville—Highest, 38 on 8th; lowest, 4 below zero on 11th and 12th; only a trace of snow.

At Atlin—Highest, 34 on 6th; lowest, 6 below zero on 8th; snow, 6.40 inch.

At Dawson—Highest, 32 on 9th; lowest, 6 below zero on 8th, 9th and 12th; snow, 0.40 inch.

PUBLIC MEETING

TO BE HELD IN

LABOR HALL

Friday, March 15th, 8 p.m.

Under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council and Laborers' Union

TO DISCUSS THE

LABOR QUESTION

C. SIVERTZ,
Secy. T. & L. Council.
J. SULLIVAN,
Secy. Laborers' Union.

Teams for Sprinkling

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, the 18th inst., at 4 o'clock p. m., for three pairs of horses of sufficient strength to draw the two-horse street sprinkler or sprinklers; also one horse of sufficient strength to draw the one-horse sprinkler, when and where required. The parties tendering must state their rate per hour for day and also for night work for each pair of horses and for the single horse; they will be required to furnish horses, harness and driver for each team; provide feed for horses and keep them shod. The Corporation will furnish sprinklers, water and whiffletrees. The work must be done to the entire satisfaction of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria or their agent, whom they may appoint for that purpose.

The parties will be required to enter into an agreement with the Corporation and to furnish satisfactory bonds to the amount of $500 for the due performance of the work.

No advertisements to be placed on sprinklers or horses without permission of the City Council.

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WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent.

City Hall, Victoria, B. C., March 13th, 1907.

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"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to Lot Fifty-Three (53) of Sub-Lot Sixty-Nine (69), Fernwood Estate, Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title issued to Alexander D. McKinnon on the 14th day of January, 1892, and numbered 13289A.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office,
Victoria, B. C., March 12th, 1907.

TRADE TICKLERS

A certain merchant filled a canvas coin bag at the rate of one black to ninety-one white. Every purchaser had the privilege of drawing a button, and if he drew a black button he received credit for $3.00. He states that the cost of the plan is about one per cent. of the sales.

An Iowa firm sent to each address on its mailing list a check for one cent "payable to the wife." On the check it was stated that one check was due to the wife for two minutes of her time while she read the enclosed letter. The scheme attracted great attention, and did not cost much, a very few of the checks sent out were cashed, being kept as souvenirs instead.

A New York merchant recently held what was termed a "Refund Sale." The plan was to refund all cash purchases made on a certain day of the month. Every person who presented at the close of the month checks bearing the date selected had the full amount of his purchases returned to him.

In connection with any of these business boomers the Times is the medium to use, because it is the most inexpensive and reaches the people the Victoria merchants want to reach.

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LET VICTORIA FLOURISH.

Victoria has passed through many tribulations within the past fifteen years. Circumstances over which her people had no control did much to retard the progress that had been confidently looked forward to by those who realised the advantages of her position as the outermost post of empire on the British Pacific coast. But all the strokes of adverse fortune were endured with a fortitude and calmness begotten of supreme confidence in the ultimate outcome. That unwavering faith has been completely justified by the events of the past year. The tide has turned, and is now running strongly with us.

We would not care to go so far as to say the population of the city will be doubled within the next four years or that the area comprehended between Esquimalt and Carboro Bay will by that date become a portion of the city inhabited by a great concourse of new Victorians. But it is apparent to any person of discernment that there are forces in operation that justify the recent rapid increase in the value of real property.

The awakening of the C. P. R. to the potentialities of Vancouver Island is one of the significant features of the business renaissance. We do not refer specially to the magnificent new hotel that will shortly be ready to receive hundreds of guests nor even to the acquirement of the E. & N. Railway. These splendid investments are but the first indications of more important developments.

The company has vast interests on the Island of Vancouver that have been greatly enhanced in value within the past year or two by the rapid progress of settlement in the new provinces that have recently been erected by the Dominion government on the prairies. In order to realise on its investments it is evident that the company must immediately take active measures to extend its railway system. Such extensions will involve more than the marketing of the timber on the wealthiest areas of such material now extant. They will mean the opening up of large extents of territory to agriculture and horticulture. We believe more will be heard of the plans of the company shortly, that the work of development will be proceeded with during the present year, and that if Victorians rise to their opportunities the foundations of a business capable of taxing the energies of a very largely increased population will be the result.

It is doubtless true that the rate of progress on the island depends to a considerable extent upon the continuation of the unexampled business activity which has been characteristic of Eastern Canada during the past few years. There can be no question about that. But there are no indications that the crest of the hill of prosperity has been topped. Canada is yet climbing upwards, and apparently it will be years ere she reaches the apex. Immigrants in thousands are already arriving at the Eastern ports of the Dominion, although the season of real activity has not yet commenced. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company claims that it alone can employ an army of twenty thousand. The Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern companies have planned for great extensions also to meet the demands of the new agriculturists who are settling like locusts upon the prairies. Nine-tenths of the people who come in will remain to take up land and become independent citizens of the Dominion. We are beginning to comprehend with some degree of exactness the strong bond of business sympathy that has been created between the prairies and British Columbia and to realise the influence the settlement of the Northwest is going to have upon business in this province, and especially upon the future of Vancouver Island. It is of the utmost importance that nothing of a political nature should be countenanced that might have the effect of producing prejudice in the minds of one section of the Dominion against the people of other sections. It can easily be seen that the various portions of the country are complementary of each other and that anything that tends to drive them apart in sentiment must have a mischievous effect from a purely business point of view. Therefore if for no higher reason than mere business considerations the agitation that has been fomented in this province for selfish partizan purposes should be deprecated and frowned down. If we do our duty in this matter there can be no question that Victoria will flourish.

NO FEAR FOR CANADA.

We note with some surprise that the British press is still deeply concerned about what is said to be going to happen to Canada. Possibly our worthy contemporaries on the other side of the great ocean might more profitably apply themselves to consideration of the question of what is to become of Great Britain. It seems to us that the Mother Country has more important problems on her hands in the light of recent political developments than the most promising of her daughters. The future of Canada is in the hands of Canadians, who seem to be imbued with a deeper spirit of patriotism and of devotion to Imperial institutions than the people of Great Britain, if the discussions in Parliament and in the press can be accepted as indicative of the spirit that is abroad amongst the people. It is doubtless true that thousands of foreigners are making their way into this country. But after they come here they and the spirit they bring with them, if antagonistic to the British spirit, are speedily swallowed up in the predominating Canadian sentiment. At least little is heard of them and their aspirations after they arrive and settle down. These comments have been suggested by the following, taken from the Chester (Eng.) Chronicle:

The stalest of objections to Liberalism is that Liberals are not Imperialistic. The thought occurred to us as we read Dr. Hodgson's article in this week's Chronicle on "Canada—England's greatest asset." It is a plea throughout for a livelier and closer conception of our responsibility to this great and growing colony; it is an appeal to the British government to finance the settler in order (to quote Dr. Hodgson's language) "that our own and not other people should occupy it before it is too late." Americans we know are pouring north into Canada in thousands—the tide which flowed south from Canada to the States has now ebbed—and Germans, Scandinavians, Greeks and Italians are arriving there in vast numbers. The Canadian government is British—now! But what may happen by and bye? The Canadian people control the government, and what may not a majority of foreigners do? If the German Emperor wants to "capture" Canada he will export a couple of millions of Germans during the next five or seven years. With state aid the project is by no means an impossibility. Dr. Hodgson perceives the danger, and warns us in clear terms of the consequences of neglect or apathy.

Surely the petition of the teachers of Victoria was at least entitled to respectful consideration from the majority of the members of the School Board.

Human nature is much the same in all climes and in whatever complexion of skin it may be garbed. In this country we have had our Dowies and we have our Eddys. In Great Britain there are still fakirs who work upon the superstitions of the multitude. A Mussulman fakir of first-class pretensions has made his appearance in Serampore, India, and is the hero of the town and the adjoining villages. He has fixed his temporary abode in a lonely graveyard, but the fame of his sanctity and miraculous powers is attracting crowds to the forbidding spot. Men, women and children of all ranks of life are flocking to the new shrine. High court pleaders, doctors, government pensioners, magistrates, municipal commissioners and women of the riches families are among his visitors. The fakir himself is clothed in old, worn-out garments, and is by no means a handsome or attractive man. He exhibits no more subtle intellect than an illiterate peasant. His antecedents are unknown. He is believed to be fed by unearthly hands and not to be in need of earthly nourishment. The elements are said to be obedient to him, and fire and water are created at his will. He reads the past, present and future of everybody for the mere asking. He diagnoses at first sight all diseases, and is said to cure and heal where doctors fail. He is credited with powers of restoring sight to the blind, hearing and speech to the deaf and the dumb, free movement to the cripple. Moreover, he dispenses his medicines free to all. But it is pointed out that if he did the things mentioned in the last sentence in this part of the world nobody would put any faith in him.

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We extend our sympathy to the jury which is sitting upon the case of Harry Thaw of New York and his estimable spouse. They are mere "supers" in the sensational performance. Besides the trial involves a subversion of their personal liberty and is a distinct menace to their health. Still the fundamental principles of the unwritten law must be vindicated at any cost. To what purpose is District Attorney Jerome making all this unseemly fuss? Does he really mean to contend that young Mr. Thaw was not justified in protecting the honor of his honorable household?

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The fact was demonstrated in the Legislature immediately the leader of the opposition took his seat that it would be an unfortunate thing for the province if by any chance it was deprived of his services. Mr. Macdonald is easily the most conspicuous figure in the House when the practical effect of measures proposed by the government is under consideration. We say this without intending to reflect upon either the leader of the government forces or upon the ferocious personality who was until recently, if he is not now, the premier's first lieutenant.

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Please don't grumble about the weather. We really needed a trifle of rain. Consult Eastern newspapers and you will find that winter still reigns from the far north to extreme south, and that baseball experts who have been practising for the opening of the season have been compelled to retire by fifteen inches of snow with corresponding temperatures.

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Comrade Hawthornthwaite is beginning to find out that, having served the purpose of the great Conservative party of British Columbia, that time-serving institution is now disposed to snub him. Evidently the Socialist leader is not going to have the privilege of hearing any more soothing words from the hon. the Premier.

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President Roosevelt has delivered another ultimatum. Positively he will not be a candidate for the presidency next year. He has more important business to attend to, having accepted an invitation to hunt big game in the Kootenays, B. C., a more profitable pastime for a man of independent means than playing the political game.

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What a pity that Hon. D. M. Eberts has been placed in a position of honor and emolument from which he cannot "fight the battle of rail connection with the Mainland," not as a question of party politics, of course, but just to vindicate the position in which he and his colleagues from Victoria were placed by his journalistic backer.

What Other People Think

TOURIST ASSOCIATION'S WORK.

To the Editor:—There are several features of the Tourist Association grant which have thus far been overlooked in the discussion of that question. Will you allow me a brief space in which to call attention to some of them.

When the construction of the causeway was being advocated it was represented that the erection of the wall would reclaim a valuable amount of property where the flats are, which could be sold and largely recoup the city for the cost of the undertaking. The scheme looked so plausible that the people voted to borrow the amount sufficient to construct the work. Then when this was completed an agitation was started in favor of granting the reclaimed land to the C. P. R. as an inducement for the company to construct a large hotel thereon. It was represented that the railway company would advertise the city and bring hither great numbers of tourists, and again the city would be recouped for its outlay. So the people voted to make a gift of the reclaimed land, or the best part of it, to the company. Then the company, pretending that the people were dead easy to work, asked, in addition to the land, a large grant of money to fill in the flats, buy certain adjoining lots and remove the buildings thereon. Again the cry was raised that the company would advertise the city and bring great crowds of tourists and others here, and great things would be done in and for the city. Again the people voted the money demanded by the company. Now let us see; what have the taxpayers of Victoria already paid in these several transactions for the purpose mainly of securing the tourist business? Perhaps some one can give us a correct statement of the cost to date. Not having the exact data to hand, I can only estimate the cost. The land given to the C. P. R. was worth, say, $100,000; the cost of filling in, buying adjoining properties, removing buildings, damages, etc., must have been fully $150,000. That makes $250,000 already given for this somewhat delusive business, which was to secure for our city so many and so wonderful things. Thus far the people have been led on one step at a time. Now, when the hotel is nearly completed and is about to be opened, we are gravely told that nothing less than $7,500 must be voted annually to secure this benefit which was to come from these earlier enormous subventions. A yearly grant of $7,500 capitalized at 5 per cent. means $150,000. This, they tell us, is the very least they can get along with. That, added to the amount already given, foots up $400,000. Capitalized at 4 per cent., the amount would be still larger. Now that looks like a pretty large sum to pay for such an object, and it seems to me that the people of Victoria might well stop and ask themselves whether or not they are not in the position of the fellow who "paid too dear for his whistle." It would not be difficult, it seems to me, to show how the city could have spent $400,000 in securing results which would have proved more permanent and more substantial. But that is a subject that will keep. I do not want to make this letetr too long.

A week or two ago the Vancouver Province contained the financial statement of the Tourist Association of that city, which showed that the association's entire expenditure for the year was less than $5,000, while the grant from the city council was just $1,000. Some people are very fond of pointing to the example of Vancouver. There it is in this matter.

For one year, if not longer, our association got along on $500 from the city treasury, for several others they did with $2,500, and it was during those years they secured the construction of the hotel, so it is claimed, and did many other wonderful things. If the association could do all those things with these moderate grants, and if the Vancouver association can do its work on a grant of $1,000 a year, why is it that our association cannot possibly get along on less than the $7,500 now?

I believe that if the grant were cut off entirely and the Tourist Association went out of business, nobody in this city would either see or know the difference. When the C. P. R. company built the Hotel Frontenac in Quebec they filled not only that hotel, but all the others of the city during the tourist season. Its hotels at Banff and at Glacier House are always filled to overflowing during the season, without the aid of Tourist Associations. Why should they do less for Victoria? Their agents and their literature are scattered broadcast throughout three continents, their facilities for advertising are infinitely greater than ours. We have already liberally subsidized them to do the advertising for us. Why should we not let them do it?

Last night we saw the members of the Tourist Association going to our Mayor and aldermen and urging them not to submit this question to a vote of the people, not to trust the people whose money it is which is being thus spent, not to allow the people to say whether or not they are willing that this further large sum should be so spent. That, it seems to me, was such an exhibition of adamantine nerve as is seldom witnessed in any country enjoying representative government. Mr. Editor, there are others who need a "campaign of education."

A. B.

Victoria, March 12th.

THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION GRANT.

To the Editor:—One cannot help wondering whether the supporters of this grant are either frank or sincere in their attitude towards it. They are sure (perfectly sure, ladies and gentlemen,) of the citizens endorsing the grant, but they are equally sure that they will not give those self same citizens the chance to vote upon it. Oh, dear, no! We—the ruling majority—know what is good for you, therefore open your mouth and shut your eyes and take the nauseous dose.

I notice that a deputation waited upon the council on Monday urging them to "stand pat." It is remarkable that the deputation consisted solely of business men and large property holders. Why did they not bring with them one of the working classes, if only as a real live curiosity, or a clerk, or salesman, or any of the struggling storekeepers, or persons of small income? Why is it that these gentlemen also so strongly oppose the referendum? Just suggest it, for instance, to the worthy Colonel Prior and you will see a sly wink out of the corner of his merry eye, for you know as I do, Mr. Editor, that the said Colonel is remarkably astute, and would much rather get the grant without the chances of the ballot.

Did you read Mr. Lineham's letter upon the subject? The dear, guileless fellow assures us that it will not increase our taxes. Of course not, we all know that. We know quite well that not a single supporter of the grant in the council will have the temerity to propose additional taxation for this purpose. This grant will take one-half of one mill on the dollar. I shall be greatly surprised if either Mayor or aldermen will propose this additional half mill, "and have it shown on the tax notices for this year. Oh, no dear, innocent Mr. Lineham, the rate will not be raised (the assessments probably will be), but the council, by its majority, will promptly vote a pauper's pittance for the streets and roads.

What gulls the people are! First we vote a goodly sum to build the James Bay causeway, and offer as a reason that the land reclaimed will be worth $150,000, and so the improvement will practically cost the city nothing. Next, we give this valuable plot of land to the C. P. R. and beg them to take a few other valuable concessions worth $50,000 more, on the unwritten understanding that they will thoroughly advertise the city. Then we proceed to pay for the advertising ourselves, and request an irresponsible association to accept $7,500 and kindly run the business privately. What was it that Mr. Puck remarked? Perhaps, however, when the annual election draws nigh the majority will not be quite so bold or confident. Anyhow, we will try our strength.

W. MARCHANT.

FORESTRY CONVENTION.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 14.—At the eighth annual convention of the Dominion Forestry Association Professor John Macoun said if steps were not taken to prevent the deforestation of the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains a large portion of the prairie area would become arid. Supt. Hall, of Quebec, announced that his government had decided to set aside 60,000 square miles of forest reserve on the upper Ottawa to preserve the sources of the river.

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Velour Calf Oxfords, welt sole, at per pair $4.50
Boys' New Grey Canvas Bals, at, per pair $1.50
Youths' New Grey Canvas Bals, per pair $1.25
Youths' New Grey Canvas Oxfords at per pair $1.00

New Additional Line in Men's Boots

Kid Lace Boots, Welt Sole, Blucher Cut, at per pair $4.00

Womens' New Canvas Oxfords

White Canvas Oxfords, at, per pair $1.50
Misses' White Canvas Oxfords, at per pair $1.25
Children's White Canvas Oxfords, at per pair $1.00
Women's White Canvas Oxfords blucher cut, turn sole leather heel, at per pair $3.50
Women's White Canvas, Gibson Tie Oxfords, welted sole. Cuban heel, canvas covered, at, per pair $4.00
Women's Chocolate Vici Kid Oxford, blutcher cut. Cuban heel, turned sole, opera toe, at, per pair $4.00

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—At a meeting of the committee of the Victoria Golf Club it was decided to hold the annual spring meeting on the 23rd, 24th and 25th day of May next.

—To-night at their hall, Gladstone avenue, North Chatham street, the Fernwoods will hold another of their series of popular 500 tournaments. A cordial invitation is extended to all lovers of this interesting card game to attend and participate. Play will commence at 8.15 p.m. sharp.

—The board of trade will hold its regular meeting to-day at three o'clock when the labor question and the Lord's Day Observance Act will be discussed. The question of the better enforcement of the coasting laws and the eight hour bill now before the House of Commons, will also come up for consideration. A full attendance of members is requested.

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—On account of the low colonist passenger rates now in effect from the East the Northern Pacific Railway Company is compelled to run the three transcontinental trains as well as the North Coast Limited, in two sections daily. Yesterday the two sections of the North Coast Limited detrained 700 passengers at King street station, Seattle. A number of these west-bound passengers are finding their way to Victoria.

LIVELY TIME EXPECTED.

Session of the City Council To-Night Will Be Full of Interest.

"The council meeting to-night will be decidedly warm," said Ald. Hanna to-day. "Ald. Fell's amendment is to be reconsidered, besides the Mayor has been getting a little ahead of the council in the matter of the transfer of the license of Robert Jackson to J. A. Wallis. As a matter of fact the back door question has not been decided yet.

"There will be plenty of spectators to-night," he continued. "The show was so good last Monday night that there will be a good crowd to-night.

"The move to frighten Ald. Gleason has failed. Throughout he has acted on the advice of his lawyers, and so there is no danger of his seat being vacant to-night. He will stand to his guns for the by-law, the whole by-law and nothing but the by-law."

On the other hand Mayor Morley, in his capacity of license commissioner, feels that he was within his right in giving the advice he did to Mr. Wallis.

From the appearance of things there is little chance of the street improvements by-law or the incinerator by-law or any other business to be considered. Certain of the aldermen intend to force the fighting, and if this is done, the Mayor's programme for the consideration of the water commissioner's report and other matters will be spoiled.

PERSONAL.

A. H. Finlayson and R. K. Finlayson were outgoing passengers yesterday on the Indianapolis. From Seattle they are going on the steamer Dolphin to Skagway and Dawson, and will resume mining operations at Klondike.

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R. G. Banks, who has been spending some time in Victoria, left yesterday en route for Liverpool. He is travelling by the North Coast Limited and the White Star liner Cedric from New York.

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Richard Hall and Captain Cox, who went to Ottawa two weeks ago in connection with the canning industry, will reach Victoria to-morrow on the C. P. R. steamer Princess Beatrice.

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On their way to Wrangel and Telegraph Creek H. P. Farrell and Joseph Cox left by the Princess Beatrice from here, and will go from Seattle by the Dolphin.

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F. E. Burns, superintendent of the Alaska Steamship Company, was here yesterday in connection with the construction of the new wharf at James Bay.

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Thomas Shaw, a well known machinery man, was a passenger on the Dolphin on his way to Dawson.

RECEIVES REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Women's Council's Monthly Meeting Transacted Much Routine Business--Projected Plans.

The reports of a number of committees were received at the recent meeting of the Women's Council in the city hall. There were present, the president, twenty-five delegates from affiliated societies, the recording, corresponding and press secretaries, and the treasurer.

With regard to a woman's building, it was reported that a preliminary meeting was held on March 7th at which Mrs. Day, Mrs. Hasell (convener), and fourteen delegates were present. It was suggested that advice be sought from men of position and authority regarding the best way to set about the promulgation of this scheme, which should have a sound business basis, and be made at least a self-supporting, if not a paying, concern. The question of site was discussed and the whole matter referred to a committee of inquiry, a large general meeting to be called as soon as convenient.

The report of the immigration committee was rendered by Miss Crease. She reported that she had had a very encouraging interview with Hon. Mr. Tatlow and found that the provincial bureau of emigration was quite ready to cooperate with this committee in the matter. A correction was made as to fares, which will not be $39, as previously and erroneously stated, but $66. The $39 would bring immigrants to Quebec only.

Mrs. Andrews reported with regard to the saloon question. The Citizens' League and the pastors were all interested in this effort, and suggested that a special committee interview the aldermen concerning the by-law at present before the council. If the by-law carried all points contained in the F. L. C. W.'s resolution would be covered. The following committee were appointed to take immediate action: Mesdames Day, Perrin, Spofford and W. Grant.

Mr. Lenfesty, secretary of the Game Club, was interviewed and said that the club had petitioned the government in a similar manner to the resolution of the L. C. W. with regard to prohibiting boys carrying firearms. The L. C. W. to cooperate and send in petition to legislative committee. A remonstrance was directed sent to the National Council on the failure to duly publish the year book, as such delay is productive of much lack of information and lack of interest to both local councils and to those interested in the work of the organization. Mrs. Arbuckle reported for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that good work was being done, but that funds were badly needed. It was proposed to form "Bands of Mercy" in connection with this work.

Mrs. Cooper read a most interesting letter upon the responsibility resting upon communities and governments for the proper and intelligent care of the feeble-minded, as differentiated from the sick or the insane, and gave some startling particulars as to the wrongs ensuing upon neglect of this duty.

The treasurer's report showed:

Balance on hand	$37 00
Bills paid	26 00
Balance on hand	$11 00

The meeting then adjourned until Monday, April 8th.

Fishing steamer Flamingo returned to Vancouver on Tuesday, having caught but seven halibut during a cruise extending over 1,500 miles.

The C. P. R. Atlantic liner Lake Champlain arrived at Liverpool on Wednesday at 1 a.m.

The Cunard SS. Company notified its local agent, E. E. Blackwood, that the liner Carmania reached New York on Sunday with a passenger list of 1,861, bound for points in the United States and Canada.

ADOPTS AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Grand Lodge Will Conclude its Session to-day--Provides an Extension Fund.

The grand lodge A. O. U. W. resumed its sessions this morning with a full attendance of the delegates in the A. O. U. W. hall.

It was occupied principally with a number of amendments to the constitution which have been in contemplation for some time, rendered necesssary by the growth of the society and changing conditions.

New Westminster will be the next place of meeting of the grand lodge, which will take place next year, the resolution fixing the sessions of the lodge annually instead of bienially having carried this morning.

Perhaps one of the most important changes which was put through was that establishing an extension fund for the purpose of putting a number of organizers in the field. It was decided that five per cent. of the beneficiary fund should be applied for this purpose. The number of organizers who will be employed is left to the discretion of the executive. It is felt that the scope of the society should be greatly increased in this manner.

It was decided to continue the publication of the society's journal, the A. O. U. W. Record, with Mr. Deasy, of Nelson, as editor.

It is thought that the society will have concluded its labors this afternoon and adjournment will take place. The grand lodge is merely awaiting the report of the finance committee, which has not been completed as yet. With its receipt the estimates for the ensuing year will be brought down and appropriations made.

Replacing the Princess Beatrice on the Skagway route, the C. P. R. steamer Princess May sailed for northern ports last night.

Coming from Hongkong the C. P. R. steamship Montcagle sailed from Yokohama on Saturday. She is due to reach this port on the 23rd inst.

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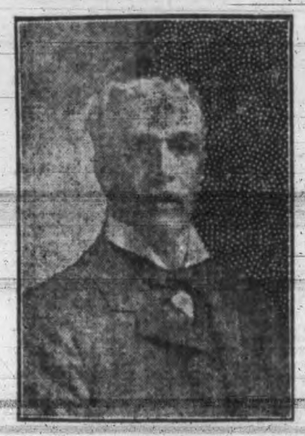

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ASSESSMENT BILL DEBATED

(Continued from page 1.)

The Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows: "1. February, 1906, $412.75; March, 1906, $533.35; April, 1906, $575.05; May, 1906, $666.55; June, 1906, $704.25; July, 1906, $708.70; August, 1906, $672.65; September, 1906, $792.05; October, 1906, $806.45; November, 1906, $673.35; December, 1906, $638.10; January, 1907, $638.10. Total, $7,921.35.

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H. C. Brewster asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. What distance along the new road from Alberni to Comox has been surveyed?

2. Who were the surveyors?

3. How much has been paid, or is yet due, each surveyor?

Hon. F. J. Fulton replied as follows: "1. 18.5 miles.

"2. D. A. Harris.

"3. $1,650.00 paid. Nothing due."

S. Jones asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. Is it the intention of the government to establish a ferry across the Fraser river at Quesnel?

2. If so, when?

Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows: "1. Yes.

"2. The coming summer."

Parker Williams asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. Were any objections lodged by owners of property in Newcastle district against the government taking ground, etc., therefrom for road construction?

2. If so, what was the grounds of such objection?

3. What disposition was made of the matter?

4. Who were said property owners?

Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows: "1. Yes.

"2. As unnecessary for public convenience and that it would take a large portion of the best land of one settler."

Goes Into Committee.

The House went into committee on the bill to amend the Interpretation Act, with Price Ellison in the chair.

The bill passed committee with a few amendments, most of which were introduced by Stuart Henderson. The principal of these amendments were as follows:

"The expression 'Rules of Court,' when used in relation to any court, shall mean rules made by the authority having for the time being power to make rules or orders regulating the practice and procedure of such court.

"The power of the said authority to make rules of court as above defined shall include a power to make rules of court for the purpose of any act directing or authorizing anything to be done by rules of court:

"Where reference is made by number to two or more sections, sub-sections or clauses in any statute, the number first mentioned and the number last mentioned shall both be deemed to be included in the reference:

"Where an act or omission constitutes an offence under two or more acts, or an offence both under an act and at common law, the offender shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be liable to be prosecuted and punished under either or any of those acts, or at common law, but shall not be liable to be punished twice for the same offence.

"In all statutes 'felony' shall mean any crime which before the passing of 'The Criminal Code, 1892,' of Canada, would have been a felony under the law of Canada, and 'misdemeanor' shall mean any crime which before the passing of the said code would have been a misdemeanor under the said law.

"The words 'oath' and 'affidavit' shall in the case of persons for the time being allowed by law to affirm or declare instead of swearing, include affirmation and declaration. The word 'swear' in the like case shall include affirm and declare and."

The committee rose and reported the bill, after which the House went into committee on the bill to amend the Assessment Act with Price Ellison again in the chair.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite moved an amendment to make the rate of taxation "two-fifths of one per cent. upon real estate of the assessed value of $2,000 or under," instead of three-fifths of one per cent. as at present.

Exception was taken to this by John Oliver, who contended that Mr. Hawthornthwaite was out of order.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite contended that his amendment was in order.

Mr. Oliver contended that an amendment proposed by H. C. Brewster and printed on the order paper had precedence over it.

F. Carter Cotton said it appeared to him that the amendment of Mr. Brewster should be dealt with before that of Mr. Hawthornthwaite, as the amendment proposed by the member for Alberni was intended to affect a previous section of the main act to that which Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment applied.

Mr. Brewster said that he was not acquainted with all the rules of committee and he did not care so long as the amendment he submitted was dealt with. His amendment proposed to exempt from taxation "all permanent improvements up to the value of $1,000 made on lands used for agricultural purposes."

Mr. Oliver thought there could be no question but what the amendment of Mr. Brewster to section 4 of the act should come before Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment to section 5.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite insisted that he was within his right, and he intended to stand by it. He would not allow anyone to take any political advantage of him.

The chairman ruled the motion of Mr. Hawthornthwaite in order.

Mr. Oliver took the ground that if Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment to section 5 was allowed to be considered before that of Mr. Brewster, who sought to amend section 5, then the opportunity for Mr. Brewster to move his amendment passed by. Mr. Oliver said he wished to appeal to the Speaker from the ruling of the chair.

Mr. Carter Cotton agreed with the stand taken by Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Brewster said it had been explained to him that he could not introduce his amendment to section 4 of the act until section 2 of the present bill was read, the section of the bill amending section 5 of the act.

Mr. Oliver supported this view, as Mr. Brewster's amendment proposed to create a new section 2. He pressed for an appeal to the Speaker.

A. E. McPhillips supported the view that the redress of Mr. Brewster was to reconsider a section.

Appealed to the House.

A motion of Mr. Hawthornthwaite that the ruling of the chair be sustained was made. The motion carried, the government supporters and Socialists voting for the sustaining of the chair, with the exception of Mr. Carter Cotton.

Proceeding to consider Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment, Hon. R. G. Tatlow said he could not accept this amendment. The government had seen fit to reduce the taxation considerably, and could not accept this proposal.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said he had supported the government in increased taxation on the understanding that when the time came, when a reduction could be made, the taxes would be reduced. The property of farmers for the greater part in the province was under $2,000 of assessed value. With a flare of trumpets the government announced that the farmers were to be relieved of the burdens of taxation. The farmers were not being relieved, however. The farmers had asked for bread and had been given a stone. He would support Mr. Brewster's amendment if his own was lost.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that the exemptions allowed farmers were quite liberal. Pre-emptors and homesteaders were allowed exemption from taxation for two years. For the next four years the pre-emptors were exempted up to $500 on their assessment.

Promised During Campaign.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said the government could take no credit for the exemptions he referred to. These exemptions had been in effect for years. Mr. McPhillips during the last campaign had promised reduction in the taxation to the farmers. He wanted to see this redress afforded the small farmers. The government had given pledges to the farmers to reduce taxation. As far as the majority of farmers were concerned the reduction was not made. In spite of the fact that H. B. Thomson for Victoria contended that the farmers were lacking in intelligence, he believed that the farmers would not be slow to see that faith was not kept with them by the government.

The exemptions which the government had given farmers by the legislation passed had been overcome by the government giving instructions to have the assessments increased.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said no instructions had ever been sent out to raise the assessment.

Parker Williams said if no instructions had been sent from the department at Victoria, there was wonderful unanimity shown by the government officials in raising the taxation. This bill would not give any aid to the nine out of every ten farmers in his district.

An Opposition Amendment.

John Oliver moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Hawthornthwaite by which the taxation of agricultural lands should be made two-fifths of one per cent., making the section read "two-fifths of one per cent. upon the assessed value of land in use for agricultural purposes of $2,000 and under."

He agreed that the present bill did not give any aid to small farmers. He rather preferred the amendment of Mr. Brewster, which gave exemption on improvements, which would aid the small farmer, while the exemption on land values would work to the advantage of the large land owner as well as the small one. Mr. Oliver said he noticed that the Minister of Finance had become much more independent than he was in the last House in the way of asking aid from the opposition side of the House. (Laughter.)

He thought small farmers should be aided as much as possible.

John Jardine said he heartily approved of the amendment. No section of the community deserved more consideration than the farmers, who went in to make homes for themselves. He wished the government would relieve the farmers of taxation to the very fullest extent. He wished the government would decide to accept this amendment.

A. E. McPhillips said he would be glad if the day were at hand when taxation could be wiped out. The government said that this time had not come. He thought that under the present taxation—exemption up to $1,000 in value on a farm and $10 for a farm of $2,000—was not exorbitant.

Scored Mr. Hawthornthwaite.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that he felt that Mr. McPhillips' constituents would not endorse his stand. A few years ago the farmer was dealt with easily. If he did not pay his taxes he was excused, but now the taxes were collected without any excuse.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite, proceeding, said that the Socialists had made use of the government and of the opposition to the best advantage.

Making reference to the fact that the opposition contended that they would have no alliance with the "red-handed Socialists who would haul down the flag of the country," the chairman called the speaker to order, reminding him of the fact that he must confine himself to the motion before the House.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite saw no good purpose by this amendment of Mr. Oliver, and asked that it be withdrawn. He would like his motion to go to the House so that there could be a clear division on the question of whether taxes were to be reduced or not.

Mr. Oliver said that Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment would apply not to agricultural lands alone, but to lands for mining purposes and other uses. He thought a preference should be made in favor of lands held for farming purposes.

Mr. Oliver's amendment was defeated.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Hawthornthwaite was then lost on a straight division, the Liberals and Socialists supporting the amendment and the Conservatives voting against it.

Mr. Brewster's amendment to exempt "all permanent improvements up to the value of $1,000 made on lands used for agricultural purposes," was defeated on the same party division.

Taxing the Canneries.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow proposed some amendments covering the taxation of canneries. These were very lengthy and included 2 cents a case on the output.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said he saw no reason why the minister should not give notice the same as any private member.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said he proposed to have the section stand over, and in the meantime he would have this section printed in the bill.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite thought that it should be printed before being incorporated in the bill.

Mr. Brewster said he thought this amendment should be carefully considered. If it went through in its present form he saw the finish of a lot of canneries in this province.

J. A. Macdonald did not approve of having this amendment passed without being printed in the order paper.

Mr. McPhillips thought it wise to pass the amendment, which meant nothing, because the minister promised to reconsider the bill.

Stuart Henderson thought this amendment was something outside of the message from the crown introducing the bill. It was a question whether this amendment was constitutional.

W. J. Bowser agreed with the leader of the opposition that the minister should not ask the House to pass the bill until due notice was given.

Mr. Oliver agreed with Mr. Henderson that it was a question whether this increased taxation could be introduced into a bill brought down by message unless it were in the bill as brought down.

Mr. Henderson proposed to press the point raised by him.

It was finally agreed with the leader of the opposition that the amendment of the Minister of Finance respecting the taxation of canneries was allowed to formally pass so that it might be incorporated in the bill and come up for consideration in adjourned committee.

J. A. Macdonald took exception to the principle of the proposed amendment respecting the minimum tax on banks of $1,000. He said the principle upon which it proceeded was wrong.

Mr. Henderson interjected: "That is nothing new. The government has proceeded in that way before."

Mr. Macdonald said there was no reason why it should be continued on a wrong principle. He said he wanted information on this point.

The addition to the section referred to read as follows: "But in no case shall the income tax payable by any bank in any one year be less than one thousand dollars, and in the event of the return furnished by any bank to the assessor according to said form No. 1, producing an income tax of less than one thousand dollars, the assessor shall assess and tax such bank at the minimum income tax of one thousand dollars, and such bank shall be liable therefor."

A Wrong Principle.

Mr. Macdonald said that it appeared from what Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that banks with headquarters outside of the province were the chief offenders. He thought there was a danger from the bill of working an injustice upon small banks doing business in the province. This would not protect the government against false reports, as was charged. These false reports would continue under it, and offending banks which ought to pay a much larger sum than $1,000 get off with that amount. The smaller banks in the province would have to pay the $1,000 which might be greater than should be paid under the act. The proper course to pursue was to have the proper amount ascertained upon which taxation should be paid and collect these taxes. The bill as introduced would press upon the small banks making honest returns and let the larger institutions off more easily.

Mr. Carter-Cotton said that it was not urged that the banks acted dishonestly. The banks took advantage of a chance to become exempt from the taxation. The course adopted by the minister was a right one.

Mr. Macdonald thought the situation had not been explained by Mr. Cotton. If a bank was not entitled to pay $1,000 it was unfair to collect it. If a bank was entitled to pay more than $1,000 it was unfair to collect only $1,000. The principle was wrong and should not be continued.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that where deposits were sent out of the province to the head office it was impossible to ascertain the exact amounts shown.

Mr. Macdonald said this should make no trouble. Let the assessment of the bank be put up high enough to cover the situation if it was thought that a bank was trying to avoid its right share of taxation. The bank was then put up to the proposition of going into the courts and proving its situation truly in seeking a reduction. This was done with mining companies and could be done with the banks.

The section passed.

On several other sections of the bill information was sought by Mr. Macdonald, but the minister was not ready with it and asked that the sections stand over until he got fuller information on them.

The committee rose and reported progress.

After the reading of a telegraphic statement of Hon. H. E. Young's election and his formal introduction, the House adjourned.

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Application for homestead entry or inspection must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent.

An application for entry or inspection made personally at any Sub-Agent's office may be wired to the local Agent by the Sub-Agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "personation" the entry will be summarily cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

An applicant for inspection must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for inspection will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

A homesteader whose entry is in good standing and not liable to cancellation, may, subject to approval of Department, relinquish it in favor of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

Where an entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

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Monthly Reports From the Principals of Schools Wanted--Routine Business.

Trustee Riddell, chairman of the building and grounds committee of the school board, reported last evening that the buzzer fire alarm system which is installed in the local schools is in good shape and has proved a success. Last week he was present at the North Ward school when fire drill was in progress, and the school was emptied in one minute.

Several of the trustees pointed out the necessity for having a monthly report from the superintendents of the schools giving the number of fire drills and the time taken to empty the schools.

Chairman Jay was inclined to oppose too frequent fire drills, stating that he had been informed by several teachers that the excitement of the drills had frequently a bad effect, especially with the younger children, who were apt to become hysterical.

Trustee Huggett thought this was an argument for more fire drills. The children would become accustomed to them and there would not be the same excitement. It was decided to have monthly reports from the principals of block schools. In those where there are individual exits for the separate rooms there will not be the same number of drills required.

A number of communications were then dealt with:

W. J. Dowler, city clerk, wrote acknowledging receipt of the communication of the board in regard to the grant of $35,000 for the Victoria West school, and promising that a by-law providing for this sum would be introduced at the next meeting of the council. To the $35,000 will also be added the sum of $1,500 for the purchase of a lot for use as a playground for the Kingston street school.

J. A. Nicholson, secretary of the corporation of McGill university, wrote stating that the university was willing to grant Victoria High school affiliation for two years in arts and one in applied science. He stated that Dr. Torey of McGill would be in the city shortly, and would interview the board in this regard.

Trustee Huggett presented the report of the finance committee for the past month, recommending the payment of accounts to the extent of $1,541.73.

The report was adopted and the accounts ordered paid, with the exception of one item of $89 received from the auditor, Mr. Raymur, appointed by the city, for auditing the accounts of the board for the past ten years. He will be asked to specify the rate claimed for his services.

Trustee Riddell, for the committee on the introduction of singing in the schols, reported progress, and asked for further time. This was granted. It was also decided on Truste Riddell's recommendation to change the date for the addition of singing to the curriculum from April 1st to August 1st.

Superintendent Eaton reported to the effect that the total attendance at the schools during the past month had been 87½ per cent. of the posssible. This, he stated, was greater than for January, but was not good enough. He stated that the average should be at least 93 per cent.

Chairman Jay called the attention of the board to the fact that the yard adjoining the playground of Victoria West school was in a very unsanitary condition. Trustee Riddall also spoke strongly on the matter, and it was decided to call the matter to the attention of the sanitary inspector.

SPORTING NEWS

YACHTING.

PLANS FOR CHALLENGER.

The plans made by William T. Fife, the famous yacht designer of Fairlie, Scotland, for the cup challenger that is to be built by the Vancouver club, have arrived at the Terminal City.

Several of the leading shipbuilding firms in Vancouver have been notified and they at once commenced figuring on the cost of construction of the new racer. It is expected that the contract for the construction of the cup challenger will be awarded this week, and by the middle of next week the fortunate tenderer will have the keel laid down. The racer will be built in two months, and a further fortnight will be allowed to rig her up. This will leave only a month to tune the racer for the big international regatta at Seattle, when the first race for the magnificent cup donated by the Lieutenant-Governor will be sailed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB MEETS.

The Victoria Automobile Club held its annual meeting last night in the Garesche block. Captain Troup, the retiring president of the club, occupied the chair. The construction of a new road to Mill Bay was the main item of importance before the meeting. It was decided to forward a petition to the provincial government requesting the construction and maintenance of the road.

When Captain Troup had signified his intention of retiring from the presidency of the club, the following officers were elected: President, A. E. Todd was elected unanimously; vice-presidents, Fred. Moore and Mrs. A. J. C. Galletly; secretary-treasurer, Dr. A. J. Garesche; runs and tours committee, chairman, Capt. Troup, Dr. Stanier, L. Pither, Fred. Moore, J. A. Sayward, Ald. Verrinder and W. Todd; roads, chairman, A. E. Todd, Ald. Verrinder, F. M. Rattenbury, D. R. Ker, J. A. Sayward, L. Pither, Mr. Greenshields and Mr. Simpson; laws and ordinances, chairman, G. H. Barnard, Ald. Verrinder and J. A. Sayward.

Five new members were elected, Messrs. J. L. Skene, F. H. Gibson, Simpson, Williams and Clarke.

In Poland it is a criminal offence to speak the Polish language in any public place.

"One of the most dreadful things a barrister has to contend with is the courts is the imagination of a woman," said a counsel at Clerkenwell sessions.

GRAND LODGE HOLDS SESSION

FOURTEENTH MEETING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Business is Transacted and Previous Work of Order Passes in Review.

The opening session of the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. was held yesterday. It was the fourteenth session of the Grand Lodge, and the following officials and subordinate lodge representatives were present:

P. G. M. W., Bro. F. W. Welsh; G. M. W., Bro. H. T. Devine; G. F., Bro. A. Gilchrist; G. O., Bro. W. H. Smith; G. Recorder, Bro. J. T. McIntyre; G. Receiver, Bro. Wm. Scowcroft; finance committee, Bros. A. Stewart and C. T. Wriglesworth; G. Med. Ex., Bro. W. A. De Wolf Smith, M. D.; committee on laws, Bros. F. L. Budlong, Geo. Adams and G. L. Peck.

Victoria lodge No. 1—Bros. J. Mallett and R. Noble.

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Perseverance lodge No. 11.—Bros. S. M. Eoleigh and A. A. Gerard.

Delta lodge No. 12.—Bro. W. H. Smith.

Leiser lodge No. 13.—Bro. J. A. Halliday.

Atlin lodge No. 15.—Bro. W. Owen.

Vernon lodge No. 16.—Not received.

Maple Leaf No. 17.—Bro. J. C. McFarlane.

A communication from the Supreme lodge was presented and read, appointing Bro. George Adams, of New Westminster, as representative of the Supreme lodge.

Bro. Adams being present was received with the customary honor and took his seat to the right of the grand master.

Reports were submitted from the executive board, the grand recorder, the grand receiver, and the finance committee which showed the order in British Columbia to be in a good financial position, having accumulated since the last revision of rates a reserve fund of $17,206.97 as well as a cash balance of nearly ten thousand dollars.

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge, the Supreme lodge have passed such legislation as to place each jurisdiction financially upon its own responsibility, and acting upon this new position the executive board of the Grand Lodge in British Columbia had engaged Bro. Dawson, the Supreme lodge actuary, to ascertain the standing of the order in British Columbia, and to report as to the adequacy of its rates. Such report has been received and is in every way satisfactory.

It was shown in the reports that 14 deaths had taken place in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge during the past two years, requiring the payment of death claims amounting to $27,000 all of which claims were promptly paid as quickly as proper proof of death was received, the average time elapsing between date of death and date of payment being only ten days.

A very interesting report was also received from Bros. Adams and McIlmoyl, as representatives to the last meeting of the Supreme lodge, outlining the legislation of that body in June last.

After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Grand Lodge meet in future, annually instead of by-annually.

Local Lodge the First.

Victoria lodge, No. 1, has the honor of being the first subordinate branch of the order to be formed in Brittsh Columbia. It was organized in 1879, with Henry Gribble as master workman; since that time there have bein many others opened. At present there are thirteen in the province, their names and locations being as follows: No. 1, Victoria—R. Noble, M. W.; Robert Dunn, recorder; Fred Davey, M. P. P., financier. Granville, No. 2, Vancouver—A. M. Bullock, recorder; T. H. Wootton, financier, Fraser, No. 3, New Westminster—C. S. Corrigan, recorder; W. Wolz, financier. Vancouver, No. 5, Victoria—M. M. Myers, M. W.; T. Cashmore, recorder; W. Jackson, financier. Western Star, No. 7, Victoria—W. Sommerville, M. W.; F. N. E. Shakespeare, recorder; Alfred Clunk, fiancier. Rossland, No. 8, Rossland—Geo. Casey, recorder. Perseverance, No. 11, Vancouver—F. L. Budlong, recorder; R. H. Macaulay, financier. Delta, No. 12, Ladner—T. W. Kerr, recorder; W. H. Smith, financier. Leiser, No. 13, Sandwick—J. A. Halliday, recorder. Atlin, No. 15—Hon. H. E. Young, M. W.; F. W. Dawling, financier-recorder. Vernon, No. 16, Vernon—W. C. Pound, recorder. Maple Leaf, No. 17, Port Haney—J. H. Laity, recorder; E. Pope, financier.

Officers of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge is composed of the following: Past grand master workman, F. W. Welsh, Vancouver; grand master workman, H. T. Devine, Vancouver; grand foreman, A. Gilchrist, Vancouver; grand overseer, W. H. Smith, Ladners; grand recorder, J. T. McIlmoyl, Victoria; grand receiver, W. Scowcroft, Victoria; grand medical examiner, W. A. De Wolf Smith, New Westminster.

Grand Trustees—A. Gilchrist, Vancouver; Geo. Adams, New Westminster; A. Stewart, Victoria.

Supreme Lodge Representatives—J. T. McIlmoyl, Victoria; George Adams, New Westminster.

Committee on Finance—A. Stewart, Victoria; C. T. Wriglesworth, Victoria; Fred Davey, Victoria.

Committee on Laws—F. L. Budlong, Vancouver; A. B. Pottenger, Vancouver; Geo. Adams, New Westminster.

Executive Board—H. T. Devine, Vancouver; A. Gilchrist, Vancouver; T. McIlmoyl, Victoria; A. Stewart, Victoria; F. L. Budlong, Vancouver.

In addition to the foregoing, the following delegates are present, representing the different subordinate lodges of the province: No. 1, R. T. Williams, J. Mallett, R. Noble; No. 2, T. H. Wootton; No. 4, G. L. Peck, A. H. McBride; No. 5, J. S. Norris, D. G. Daly; No. 6, W. Jackson, M. M. Myers, R. W. Brown; No. 7, F. J. Couchenour; No. 8, O. M. Fox; No. 9, S. M. Eveley, A. A. Gerrard; No. 12, W. Pybus; No. 13, A. Halliday; No. 15, W. Owen; No. 17, J. C. Macfarlane.

Financially, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia is in a first class condition. On Dec. 31st, 1906, there were 660 members of the order in the province, while the last financial statement, for the month ending Feb. 28th, 1907, gives the following figures:

Balance in beneficiary fund	$11,081.95
Balance in guaranty fund	3,298.75
Balance in reserve fund	17,574.26
Balance in general fund	778.97
Grand total	$32,733.63

Since the last Grand Lodge meeting the sum of $34,487.05 has been paid out in beneficiaries in respect of eighteen deceased members, and $6,183.73 paid into the reserve fund.

The members affiliated with Victoria lodges who died during the past two years were the following: Simeon Duck, Victoria, No. 1; Cornelius Bryant, Vancouver, No. 5; Wm. Young, Vancouver, No. 5; John Peterson, Victoria, No. 1; M. Baker, Victoria, No. 1; Joseph Mellon, Vancouver, No. 5; Garnet Heffernan, Vancouver, No. 5; Edward Able, Vancouver, No. 5; J. E. Church, Victoria, No. 1; Marcus Bantly, Victoria, No. 1.

Both the grand master workman and committee on finance, in their reports, refer appreciatively to the loss the order suffered by the death of the late J. E. Church, of this city. The latter report says:

"We feel we cannot close this report without referring to the unexpected and sudden death of our esteemed brother, the late J. E. Church, who for so many years ably filled the position of chairman of this committee. We realize that this committee has not only lost a valued member but the Grand Lodge and the order at large has lost an energetic and useful brother."

FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 13.—Dispatches from all sections of western Pennsylvania to-day report heavy rains last night and rapidly rising waters.

In the Connersville region the streams are said to be rising at an alarming rate. Dunbar is in danger and several buildings have been washed away. In Alleghany county the streams are raging torrents. Pittsburg railwaymen are preparing for a flood of twenty feet.

Notice of Private Bill.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made in the Legislative Assembly at the ensuing Session, on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, to introduce a Bill to confer upon the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria certain powers in addition to those conferred by the Municipal Clauses Act and other the Ordinances and Statutes affecting the City of Victoria, and to enact provisions in aid of municipal government particularly applicable to the City of Victoria.

The powers sought are:

Sec. 2. To define certain terms used in the Bill, and as to departmental stores to define by By-Law what trades or occupations shall be recognized as "ancillarily operated in combination so as to exclude the same from the definition of "departmental store."

3. Power to pass By-Laws on the following subjects:

(1) As the general good of the inhabitants may require.

(2) To compel deposit of building plans and to prohibit commencement of works without permit obtained.

(3) For licensing and regulating electricians and electrical matters, and to provide for a Board of Examiners and examination and the granting of certificates of efficiency, and to prohibit non-holders of certificates from doing electrical work.

(4) To regulate traffic on the public streets and the driving of cattle through the streets.

(5) To prevent objectionable advertisements adjacent to public streets and unsightly erections depreciating public or residential property.

(6) Regulations for licensing and regulating motor vehicles and vehicles for hire and establishing a scale of charges.

(7) To prevent plumbing work save by licensed plumbers.

(8) To compel connection with sewers.

(9) To regulate sub-divisions of streets and for power to the Council to construct sewers and public works on all streets shown on recorded plans.

(10) To impose vehicle tax not exceeding $2.00, with power to exempt traders' vehicles.

(11) For right to enter on expropriated lands without notice.

(12) For the assessment of real property joining parks and public gardens for local improvement works, the City contributing at least one-third.

(13) To permit of the expropriation of easements and estates in land less than the freehold.

(14) To compel disposal of trade waste and rubbish at the public incinerating establishment, and to establish a scale of charges.

(15) To prevent encroachment on streets and impose penalties for obstructions.

(16) To regulate poles and wires, and with due regard to existing contracts to compel underground wires.

(17) To regulate or prohibit placarding and hand-bill distribution.

(18) To regulate or prohibit bill boards and dangerous and objectionable signs.

(19) To regulate or prohibit noisy bells and whistles and steam and smoke discharge.

(20) To prevent polution of waters of the city.

(21) To compel filling in of dangerous or unsightly holes on property and removal of offensive substances.

(22) To compel fencing of vacant lots.

(23) To regulate itinerant traders.

(24) To regulate shows and prohibit same in certain specified districts.

(25) To prevent brutal or depraving exhibitions or sports.

(26) To regulate auctioneers, secondhand dealers and other dealers and compel record keeping.

(27) To regulate bathing in city waters.

(28) For the inspection and seizure of unsound or adulterated food stuffs and prohibit their being brought into the city.

(29) To authorize pulling down of buildings during fires.

(30) To regulate smoke from factories.

(31) To define nuisances and impose penalties.

(32) To regulate the location, construction and use of breweries, sawmills, chemical works and other businesses tending, if unrestricted as to location, to reduce the value of assessable property.

(33) To regulate lumber yards.

(34) To regulate noisy vehicles.

(35) To regulate the use of gas and electricity.

(36) To license, regulate or prevent the employment and occupation of children on the streets.

(37) To compel the cleaning of vacant lots.

(38) To do boulevarding and planting as local improvement and assess for upkeep.

(39) To provide for revocation of City licenses.

(40) To regulate itinerant musicians and music or noise-making machines.

(41) To compel the keeping of private alleys in a cleanly and fit state.

(42) To make regulations as to steam boilers and other engines.

(43) To prohibit the use of the City streets after conviction by motorists, with the right to seize the machine pending decision of Magistrate and payment of fees and damages.

(44) To examine and certify motor drivers.

(45) To compel outside vehicle owners to take licenses.

(46) To take census.

(47) To construct and manage and fix a scale for public wharves.

(48) To arrange with other Municipalities for joint supply of water and drainage and sewerage works.

(49) To acquire gravel pits and stone quarries.

(50) To regulate the sale and delivery of coal.

(51) To regulate the sale and delivery of wood.

(52) To appoint Park Commissioners, and define powers.

(53) To impose cumulative penalties for failure to connect with the sewer.

PART II.—WATERWORKS.

Sec. 4. To confirm the City's rights under the Waterworks Acts of 1873 and 1892.

5. Seeking the following amendments in the Victoria City Waterworks Act, 1873:

6. Amend Section 2 by giving Commissioner power to manage and control the use of waters for every purpose.

Repeal Section 13 and substitute section authorizing imposition of a frontage tax and water rates or charges and enabling the Council to approve same by By-Law.

7. Amend Section 27 to enable agreements with outside municipalities for sale of water and the sale of the water mains and plant already laid.

8. To enable the borrowing of money on water taxes and rates with the guarantee of the City, and for the issue of debentures in the mode in which Municipal loans are secured.

9. To repeal Section 32 and substitute power to purchase debentures out of sinking funds of the particular issues.

10. To repeal Section 33.

11. To amend Section 34 to enable the Council by By-Law to separate waterworks revenue from municipal revenue.

12. To amend Section 36 by providing for notice of action on claim under Waterworks Acts.

13. To repeal Sections 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44, to provide for the manner of levying and collecting rates in manner in which municipal taxes are levied and collected, and with the like powers of sale and right of action.

14. To obtain authority to use City waters for power purposes within or without the City.

15. To declare that the powers, rights and privileges possessed by the City under the Waterworks Acts are applicable to the use of water for power purposes, and with special powers to construct power houses and plant; to transmit power; to build bridges and construct and maintain poles and wires inside and outside the City subject to supervision of the proper authority; to construct reservoirs and such other necessary works to make water power available; to enter upon lands and expropriate same and all easements and appurtenances or other rights; to enable the ascertaining of compensation for lands expropriated and other works under the provisions of the Municipal Clauses Act.

17. To impose business tax on all professions, trades, manufactories, financial or commercial institutions, warehouses, storehouses, occupations, arts and handicrafts or means of profit and livelihood carried on in the city, not to exceed seven and a half per cent. of the annual rental value of premises occupied; to define the mode of ascertaining the annual rental value.

18 and 19. To declare that Section 175 of the Municipal Clauses Act, giving power to license, shall not apply within City, and providing a section in substitution for trades licenses, liquor licenses and general licenses, following the sub-sections of said Section 175, but detailing the store keepers under sub-section 12, and the professions and other callings under sub-section 35, and to increase the maximum tax as now provided by said Section 175 in certain cases.

20. To enable special taxes to be collected under Section 157 of the Municipal Clauses Act.

21. To validate and confirm previous tax sales and conveyances thereunder.

22. To enable the fixing by By-Law or resolution of the annual day for selling real property for taxes.

23. To prevent the acquisition of prescriptive rights on streets.

24. To provide that in arbitration proceedings under Section 251 fully detailed notice of claim shall be made and tender by the Council thereon, and to provide for the costs where claims excessive.

25. To validate the amendment of the City Map Act as to Victoria West made by William Ralph on the 4th October, 1893, and to provide for the appointment of a sole arbitrator to adjust the rights as between the Corporation in the streets and the rights of owners on variation of divisional lines between lands.

26. To give to the arbitrator appointed power of correcting and adjusting discrepancies in the actual occupation and the plan and to direct compensation.

27. To enable the Council to assess for the cost of the arbitration proceedings and compensation payable by assessment of the lands included in the said plan.

28. To enable the submission to the electors of several objects in money By-Laws, and to amend Section 69 of the Municipal Clauses Act.

29. To enable the inclusion in a local improvement scheme of works in various districts of the City with provision for dealing with any petition against particular works separately.

30. To make the provisions of the Public Parks Act and Sections 291 to 294 of the Municipal Clauses Act, by necessary amendments, applicable to the organization of a Public Parks Board composed of members of the Council and resident property owners, and to entrust to them certain powers of control and management.

Dated this 8th day of March, 1907.

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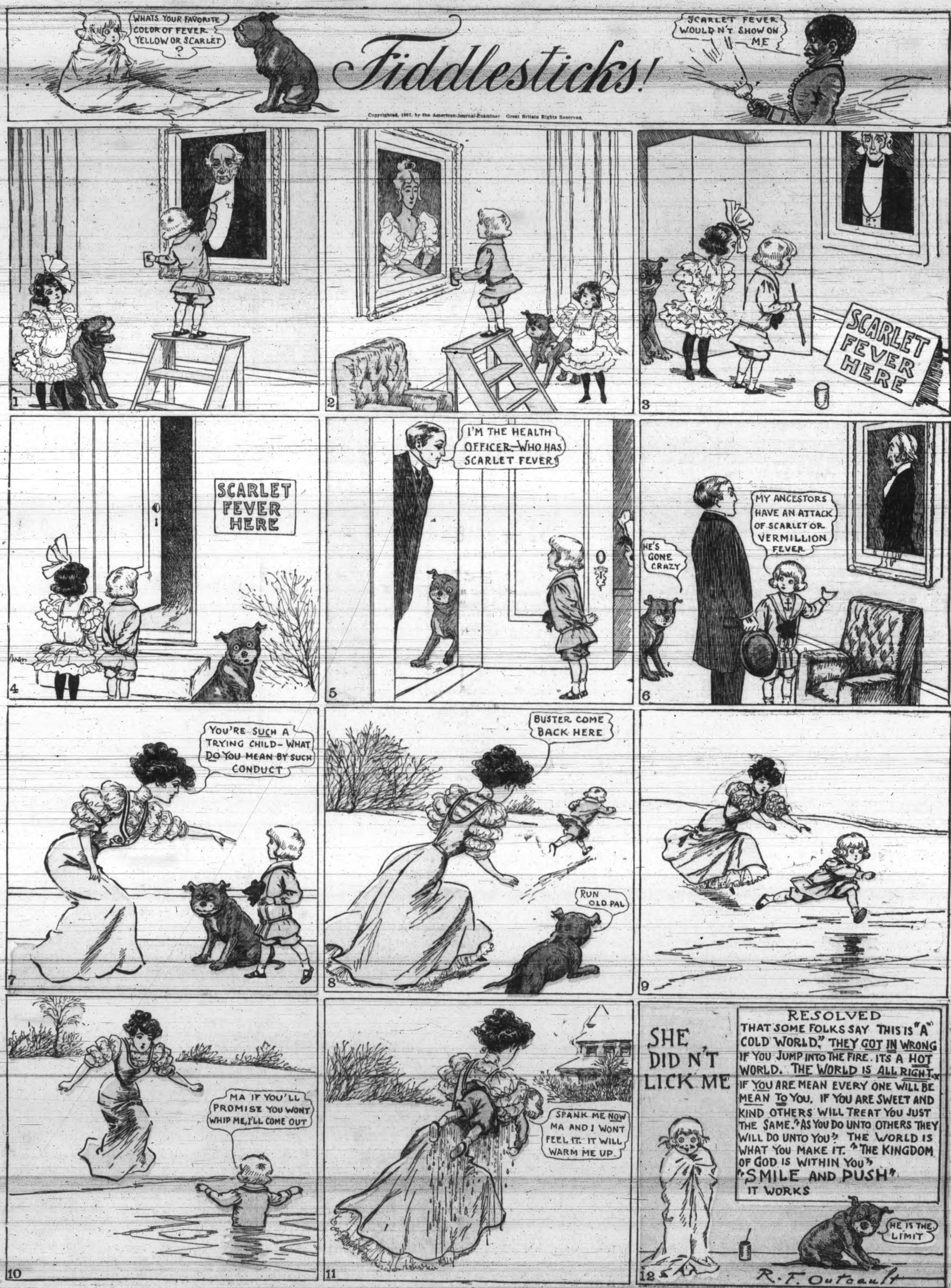

CANADIAN TRADE WITH JAPAN

Hon. T. Nosse, Imperial Japanese Consul-General For Canada, in Monetary Times.

The article which follows was written for the Monetary Times by Mr. Nosse in response to a request for his views as to the prospects for extended commerce between Canada and the Orient. No man in Canada is so well qualified to discuss the question as Mr. Nosse, who has for several years represented the Japanese government at Vancouver and Ottawa.

Prior to 1895 the export of Canadian products to Japan was too insignificant to notice. In the year following, the total export was only $8,000. Since then there has been a steady increase in all lines of merchandise, especially in dry-salt-pickled salmon, which exportation was begun in 1897, by Mr. Tamura, an enterprising Japanese merchant, in Vancouver, with remarkable success.

But large increases did not come until, as the result of the practical and businesslike demonstrations made by the Canadian government at the Osaka exhibition in 1903, $142,000 worth of Canadian flour, made from Manitoba hard wheat was first shipped to Japan in 1904. The total export from Canada in that year amounted to $342,000. During 1905, with further increase in flour and salmon, the total export rose to $510,000.

It is pleasing to note that within the last ten years, starting with only $8,000 in 1895, we have now worked up to over the half million mark, with a prospect of this amount being doubled in the next five years, or even less. The fact that the Japanese have become large importers of both European and American products is shown by the following figures. The Americans are enjoying so far a very large share of this most lucrative trade. Although as yet Canada has been very much behind the times, there is a possible prospect of a much larger export to Japan. Importation into Japan of staple goods for 1905:

	Total.	From U.S.	From Canada.
Wheat	$ 2,065,000	$1,215,000	$ .....
Oats, barley	760,000	380,000	.....
What flour	4,975,000	4,812,000	52,000
Meats	225,000	71,000	.....
Milk, condensed	805,000	457,000	.....
Salmon, dry-salt	360,000	192,000	148,000
Pulp	523,000	65,000	.....
Papers	2,472,000	250,000	3,600
Cardboard	158,000	134,000	.....
Canned foods	297,000	237,000	5,800
Fertilizer	11,175,000	457,000	17,200
Leather	7,626,000	5,545,000	2,600
Butter	66,000	34,000	7,200
Machine	132,000	124,000	.....
Lumber	645,000	235,000	81,000
Bicycles	288,000	235,000	1,800
Farm Implements	288,000	173,000	.....
Nickel	588,000	173,000	.....
Lead	943,000	291,000	.....
Soaps	243,000	45,000	3,300
Cotton goods	86,485,000	1,150,000	4,600
Woollen goods	17,624,000	136,000	175
Coal	6,990,000	462,000	.....

Of all these staple goods, which are exported from the United States, Canada is in a position to take a share, with equal advantages. Of course, the United States' export trade to Japan has a standing of over forty years. But it is only recently that their export trade has reached such a gigantic figure. In 1873, their export trade to Japan only amounted to $500,000; in 1883, to $1,500,000; and in 1893 to $3,000,000. In 1904 it reached $29,580,000, and in 1906, $38,460,000, being very nearly twenty-five per cent. of Japan's total imports from the foreign countries.

Some Telling Figures.

Yet the Americans appear not to be fully satisfied with their remarkable success in Japan. As Mr. W. J. Ballard, of Schnectady, N. Y., said once in his report, "We have some encouragement, however, in the fact that our sales to Japan increased 130 (150?) per cent. within the last ten years, while those from most European countries fell." He has further said, "Canada's sales to Japan at present are only one per cent. of the value of ours, but the fine showing made by Canada at the Osaka exhibition (which we so lamentably neglected), may do us greater damage later." Canada's chief export is flour. So far the United States has been furnishing about 96 per cent. of Japan's flour importations.

Mr. James Hill, of the Great Northern railroad, said once also in connection with his shipment of flour to Japan: "It is the want of American ships, which prevents our entire surplus wheat crop being shipped to and sold in the Orient mainly in the form of flour. Will congress please note that point? The winners, in the order named, in our last year's sales to Japan, were raw cotton, kerosene oil and wheat flour."

All these remarks, seriously taken by the most prominent Americans, tend toward the aggressive extension of their flour trade with the Orient, especially to Japan, the largest consumer of this article among the Orientals. Among many evidences to prove the views of these business men, Mr. Hill, two years ago, had two twenty-six-thousand ton steamers built to carry his cargoes across the Pacific.

This gigantic undertaking was regarded by many people to be a rather reckless and hazardous attempt; but when the steamers began to run there came such a constant flow of cargo from all parts of the United States and also from Canada, that the company had often to refuse shipment.

It Pays to Foresee.

Mr. Hill's Great Northern railway system, with its headquarters at Minneapolis and St. Paul, is in a very advantageous position to control the shipment of both Minnesota and Dakota flour, as well as that of Oregon and Washington states. But without the Oriental trade his railways and steamers might never have come to be such an important factor in the world of transportation. It is also true that the Oriental trade has helped to a great extent the rapid growth of cities and towns along the lines.

Seattle, for example, has outgrown the Canadian cities on the Pacific slopes. She had a population of only 26,000 in 1890. Now she is credited with 200,000. Spokane, a little cluster of miserable hamlets ten years ago, has now grown to be a very flourishing city of 60,000 inhabitants. It is also noteworthy that with the growth of Seattle, the Japanese trade was diverted from San Francisco to Seattle. San Francisco used to boast of being the only gateway of the American business with the East; but the growth of the Japan trade resulted to a great extent in favor of Seattle and caused the constant falling off with San Francisco. San Francisco's export to Japan amounted to $534,000 in 1892, while Seattle's share was only $39,000. But in 1901 the latter handled $5,600,000 against the former's $3,400,000.

History and a Moral.

While Seattle had thus been reaping greatly from her Japan trade it is very regrettable to notice that both Vancouver and Victoria have not made any notable progress in the trade, their population not being, by comparison very much greater than it was ten years ago. The population of Vancouver, which was 13,000 in 1891, is estimated at 45,000, and that of Victoria is also estimated at only 26,000, against 16,000 in 1891. It is also rather regrettable to have to state that the Canadian farmers and manufacturers have been overlooking this important trade across the Pacific, and leaving it almost entirely a monopoly to the Americans. Had the same policy been adopted a decade ago by the Canadians, as by the Americans, the export trade of Canada to Japan might by this time have been increased tenfold.

Canada having refused to become a party to the Anglo-Japanese Commercial Treaty in 1894, her products were for many years placed under serious drawbacks, as they could not enjoy the favor of the minimum tariffs in Japan. This advantage is now withdrawn, since the Canadian government has made a treaty of trade, commerce and navigation with Japan. Canadian products, by reason of the most favored nation clause, which is contained in this treaty, can enjoy, not only the so-called conventional tariff treatment, accorded by Japan to Great Britain, but also can enjoy the lowest tariffs, given by Japan to France and Germany. Thus Canada, by simply adopting the British treaty, has obtained, without any compensation, the minimum tariff favors which Japan has been giving to Great Britain, France and Germany. The treaty has also given the Canadians every privilege enjoyed by Japanese citizens, such as the patent right, trade marks, and various advantages, which the Canadians used formerly to obtain in the name of either an Englishman or an American.

Quality of Aggressiveness.

Now that the road is clear for more trade with Japan, the question is, why will not the Canadians adopt the same aggressive policy as to trade with Japan, as their Southern neighbors have tried successfully? Their simple plea is that they have not got the surplus to send. As they have an immense country with inexhaustible resources, they only need five million more population to open up the country. They are in need of cheap labor to open up their whole Northwest and British Columbia, which was very airly and seriously argued by Mr. Walker of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

You have the country and resources, and there is a market in Japan ready to buy your surplus. With the annual increase in population of Japan, but without proportionate increase in their crop of rice and other cereals, the Japanese will eventfully become very large consumers of the imported foodstuffs, or to a large extent, wheaten food. For example, in 1903 the population of Japan, over five years old, was 40,745,000, and the crop of rice was 282,366,000 bushels and of other cereals 67,725,545 bushels. But the importation of flour in that year increased to $5,862,210, the price of rice having gone up to $1.50 per bushel. While the annual crop of rice per head in Japan is but 4½ bushels, the consumption of the same is 7½ bushels.

There is, therefore, a deficit of 3 bushels per head, or 120,000,000 bushels for the population of 40,000,000 over 5 years old. If this rate is kept up the Japanese will have, in the next ten years, to import flour worth $15,000,000!

Canada Can Take One-Half.

One-half of this amount at least should be the share of the Canadians. The country between Winnipeg and the Pacific coast, should enjoy this natural development of trade; and Winnipeg will, by that time, be able to compete with Minneapolis and St. Paul. Vancouver and Victoria will grow as important as Seattle and Tacoma on the other side of the boundary; while Regina, Calgary, Lethbridge, and Edmonton will share in this great commercial advance.

The Grand Trunk Pacific with its newly opened port of Prince Rupert must also depend upon its Oriental trade. There is a strong conviction that the Canadian territories, west of Winnipeg, as aforesaid, should naturally control the Oriental trade, many advantages being possible to them, such as wheat and flour from Manitoba, winter wheat flour, butter, milk, meat, hides and wool from Alberta and Saskatchewan, and lumber, paper, pulp, fish, meats, fruits, hops and mineral products from British Columbia, to say nothing of what more you can export from the undeveloped country, lying along the proposed road of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Once the Canadian Northwest and British Columbia, are fully developed with cheaper labor, and there are greater transportation facilities, Canada will be in a position to compete with American goods in the Oriental markets, as Canadian goods, in many instances, are identical with those of the Americans, always better in quality, therefore higher in price. It only requires united attention and vigorous advertising by Canadians of their country and its products, to develop the Japanese market.

Fruits of Thoughtfulness.

Until Canada was represented at the Osaka exposition, 1903, she was not well-known in Japan. The mission of Hon. Sydney Fisher to Japan produced a better understanding, and cemented closer intercourse between Japan and Canada. The contribution of $25,000 worth of wheat-flour by the Dominion government to the famine-stricken millions in the northeastern parts in Japan was another factor in advertising Canada in Japan, as it printed in the sufferers' mind an everlasting memory of both gratitude and friendship. Another contribution of $40,000 from various sources of Canada has also given the forty millions of Japan a better knowledge of Canada. Practical methods of advertising will tend to the growth of trade and commerce in favor of Canada.

The Japanese residents in British Columbia with their characteristic resourcefulness in industrial development have succeeded in many ways in turning natural waste into valuable commodities. It was a Japanese who first started shipping to Japan the so-called dog salmon from British Columbia. This species of fish was left to decay in the Fraser river, to the great detriment of the better ekind of fish. The total export of this "waste" now amounts from $150,000 to $250,000 per annum, and is engaged in by 650 Japanese fishermen, who own 187 houses, 1,200 boats, with 1,800 nets, with an aggregate capital of $250,000.

Lessons in Enterprise.

These enterprising people have also started on the Skeena river a factory for canning clams, which was never even talked of by the "white" fishermen. Sea slugs, fish roe and dog fish, are prepared by them for export to the Chinese market. There is also a guano and fertilizer factory, started by an enterprising Japanese, who converted the herrings, which, during the season, swarmned over the sea, and were left to a natural death, into a fertilizer and exported to Japan. However, this important industry was refused to the Japanese by the Dominion government in deference to the "white" people. A few Japanese have gone to the Queen Charlotte Islands in search of aquatic products for exportation to both Japan and China. Should British Columbia follow that wise and liberal policy of her southern neighbors across the boundary, and welcome the Japanese to come and develop their resources how great their Oriental trade would grow!

It is gratifying to see that of late the British Columbia people are turning their interest toward the development of their trade in Japan, instead of keeping up an agitation against a handful of Japanese in the province, whose presence there would in no way interfere with the welfare of the "white" population. The Japanese in the province conduct themselves quietly and peacefully, always living quite up to their income, never trying to save any. It is their character, that they spend every cent they get, to make themselves merry and happy. Thus all that they get is spent in this country, in clothing, food and drink, to which they have adapted themselves since they came to this country.

How to Capture Oriental Trade.

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It is not a question of time, but a question of policy, whether Canada can realize what her great statesmen and business men have been anticipating out of the Oriental trade. Should they insist upon the policy of the "closed door" on the Pacific coast the prosperity will never be forthcoming. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has well said in the House of Commons, "I want our friends from British Columbia to remember this that if we are to trade with Japan we must treat Japan as a civilized nation." Let me ask. What value would be attached, without the Oriental trade, to the cities on the British Columbia coast?

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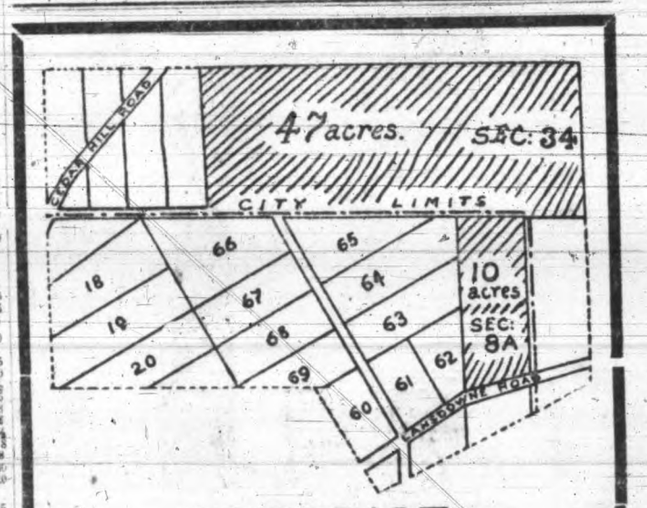

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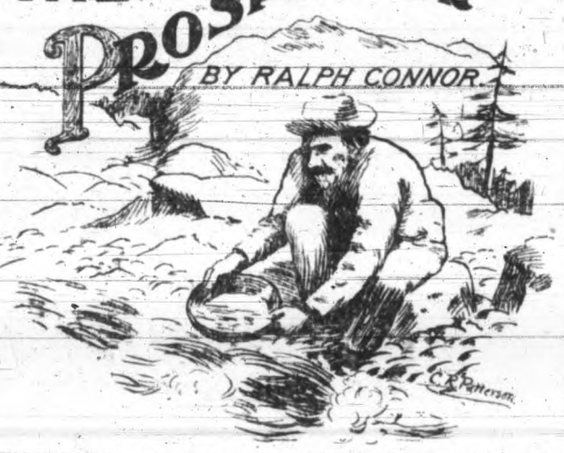

CHAPTER XVI.—(Continued.)

"Yes, it's one of us," said Ike, "and if I could do it well, bess, you wouldn't see no buck."

"All right, Ike," said The Kid, drawing a long breath. "I'll do it."

"I'll remeber it, boss," said Ike. "Guess there aint much time to lose. How is he goin' to git there?"

"Take the Swallow, Ike," said The Kid. "She's good for a hundred miles."

"Mr. McIntyre's team will be ready to go from his place," said the stranger, who had come near.

"Good!" said The Kid. "Where are you going, Ike?"

"To git the horses. He'll want to git right off. I guess I'll put him on Slipper, and I'll take the Swallow. Slipper rides purty easy, and he's a purty big man."

"All right, Ike," said The Kid. "Remember every minute is precious. Here, Mac," he continued, turning to Macnamara, who stood looking in at the door, craning his neck to see and hear what was going on, "slip around to the side door and tell Mr. Macgregor that I want him right away."

In a few minues Shock came running out in high spirits, elated with the success of the evening. "Hello, old boy!" he cried to The Kid. "It's great, isn't it? You're a great concert conductor! What do you want me for?"

The Kid took him by the arm and led him away in silence toward the Old Prospector's shack, which stood near by.

"What's the matter, Stanton; anything gone wrong?" Still The Kid made no reply; but, walking to the door of the shack, opened it, and went in and lit the lamp. "Sit down," he said, pushing Shock into a chair. "I have something to tell you. There's—there's bad news, I'm afraid. I'll wait outside." He put the telegram down, went hastily out, and closed the door, leaving Shock to face the blow where no eye could see.

It seemed an hour to The Kid before Ike came up with the Swallow and Slipper saddled and ready for the journey.

"Where is he?" said Ike, in a whisper.

"In there," replied The Kid, with a groan. "God help him!"

"I guess He will. He ought to," said Ike gravely.

"Got grub, Ike, and blankets?"

Ike nodded, pointing to the sack strapped to the saddle.

"He ought to start," said The Kid nervously. "That wire's two days old now. It will take till to-morrow night to reach town even if everything goes right, and every moment counts. Better go in," he continued, "and tell him the horses are ready."

Ike nodded and went toward the closed door, opened it softly, and went in. He found Shock sitting at the table gazing vacantly at the telegram in his hand as if trying to take in its meaning. He looked up at Ike as he entered and, handing him the telegram, said:

"It's my mother, Ike. Do you remember my mother?"

"Yes, I know," replied Ike, approaching timidly and laying a hand awkwardly on his shoulder. "I don't want to presume," he continued, "but I was wonderin' if there was anyone who could help you to stand it?"

"There is, there is One, there is."

"That's all right, then," said Ike, as if an important matter had been settled. "The horses are ready."

"The horses?" said Shock, with a puzzled air.

"Yes; thought you'd want to ride to town to get to send a wire or somethin'."

"Of course I do; thank you. I'll go to her at once. What a fool I am!" He rose hastily as he spoke, changed his coat, and getting his hat and riding gloves came out to where The Kid stood with the horses.

"Why, it's the Swallow, and Slipper!" he said. "Boys, this is good of you."

The Kid stood without a word, looking at Shock's white, dazed face. He could not trust his voice to speak.

"You'd best get onto Slipper," said Ike. "Rides easy and is mighty sure. The Swallow's all right, of course," he continued apologetically to The Kid, "but a leetle light."

"But I don't want both," said Shock.

"Oh! I guess I'll go along," declared Ike. "I know the trails and short cuts a little better. Can save time, perhaps. That is," he added, "if you don't mind my goin' along."

"That's awfully good of you, Ike," said Shock. "I shall be glad to have you."

"Good-bye, Kiddie," said Shock affectionately, holding out his hand to The Kid. "I cannot say much just now, but I appreciate this kindness, my boy."

"Don't don't!" said The Kid, in a husky whisper. "I wish to heaven I could help you. Good-bye."

"Good-bye," said Shock, taking up the reins. "Oh! I say, Kid, don't tell anyone to-night. Keep the thing going; it would be a pity to spoil their fun, you know. You can do this for me, can't you?"

"I can try," said The Kid, setting his teeth together.

He stood loking after them as they went up the trail in the moonlight. "Oh! this cursed country!" he groaned. "It's so far from any place. He'll never see her again, I'm sure. Well, I must keep this thing going as I promised. But some of the numbers I'll cut out, you can bet."

Straight on through the moonlight rode the two men, the one trying to make real the words that marched with ceaseless tramp across his brain: "Doctors hold out no hope of recovery." They seemed like words of fire written across the prairie. The other, riding a little behind, except where the trail grew difficult or indistinct, silent but alert for opportunity to offer aid or show sympathy, governing carefully the pace so that the best possible speed could be got out of the superb animals that with their swinging lope covered the long slopes up and down. The memory of that ride to Shock in after years was like that of a ghastly nightmare, a strange intermingling of moonlight and shadow; the murmur of the night wind about his ears; the pause at midnight by the upper ford of the Black Dog to feed and rest their horses, and then the steady onward push through the night till the grey and gold of the eastern sky told that the morning had come. He could never forget how the first beams of the rising sun smote his eyes like the cut of a whip till he was almost forced to cry out in his pain. He remembered how it seemed to him as if he were in the grip of some mysterious force impelling him onward on that upward, relentless lope. Another pause at sunrise to give the horses breath, and then on again they rode through that terrible red light of the rising sun, till at length in the still early forenoon the manse of Big River was reached. Their horses were jaded and leg-weary, for in the thirteen hours during which they had kept up their long, swinging gait they had covered more than a hundred miles.

The McIntyres were expecting them.

"We won't speak about his mother, dear," said the little woman of the manse, with a warm feeling in her heart for the missionary who had spent a night with them some seven months ago, and had told them so simply and fully of his life, a story of which the heart and soul had been his mother. "It hurts to speak of these things for a while," she added.

"Yes, my darling, I know," said her husband, his eyes lingering tenderly upon the face looking so sweet, but so wan and pale above the black dress and crepe collar. "We know, we know, darling," he repeated, taking her in his arms. They were both thinking of the little mound looking so small upon the wide prairie, small but big enough to hold all their heart's treasure. For five months the manse had been overrunning with heaven's own light; and with joy that rippled and flowed from baby laughter, that lurked in dimpled fingers and dimpled toes and dimpled cheeks, every dimple a well of light and joy—and then the little mound with its white railing, and only the echoes of the laughter and the memory of the dimpled fingers, toes and cheeks—and the empty manse! It was this memory that made their welcome of Shock so full of tender understanding. There is no speech like heart-speech, and during the hour in the Big River manse to Shock's heart there came—how he could not have told—the inarticulate message of sympathy that healed and comforted, so that he drove away rested and refreshed as with sleep. As they were hitching up the team Ike found opportunity to whisper to Shock: "I say, p'rhaps you'd rather he'd go with you; he'd help you more, p'haps?"

"No, no, Ike; don't leave me; I want you," Shock had replied.

"All right, boss; that suits me," was Ike's answer, glad that his offer had not been accepted.

"Good-bye," said Mr. McIntyre, waving his hand. "Do not spare them, Ike," he continued. "They can make Spruce Creek in two hours and a half easily."

"I'll take care o' them," said Ike, swinging the fiery, half-broken bronchos onto the trail. "They'd ought to do a little better than that, I judge." And they did; for, when the buckboard drew up at the Spruce Creek Stopping Place Ike remarked to Bill Lee, who stood in his usual position leaning again the door: "Two hours from Big River, and not much the worse, I guess."

Bill's welcome of Shock was almost effusive in its heartiness, but Ike cut him short.

"I say, Bill," he called out, walking to the stable; "got any oats in here?"

"Oh, a few. I keep some for thoroughbreds, you know." And he walked after Ike into the stable.

Ike began talking rapidly and in a low tone. As Bill listened he became unusually excited. "Eh! What! No. Say, that's bad, too blank bad! His mother, eh? My team? Certainly. There they are, fit for a good dozen an hour. Put 'em right in."

In ten minutes Bill's team, the pride of his heart, were hitched to the buckboard.

"All right, Bill," said Ike, taking the reins.

"All right, Ike," replied Bill. "Their skin don't say much, but they can talk with their feet a few. Let 'em go. They won't run away."

The performance of Bill's bony, shaggy team more then justified their owner's promise. They did "talk with their feet," and to such good purpose that in less than two hours Shock stood at the door of his convener's house, his mind bewildered, his senses numbed from the terrible strain through which he had passed.

"Come in, my dear fellow," said the convener, who had evidently been expecting him, "come right in."

But Shock stood at the door. "Is there any word?" he enquired, with a voice void of all emotion.

"Nothing further."

"When does the train go?"

"The train? Oh, at two in the morning."

"How long does it take?"

"Five days."

"Five days!" echoed Shock, in a voice of despair.

"You might wire a message in the meantime," said the convener kindly. "We will go down to the telegraph office after you have had a rest and a cup of tea."

"No, no," said Shock, turning eagerly from the door. "I am all right; cannot we go now?"

At the telegraph office a number of men stood laughing and talking. Shock drew a blank sheet toward him and set himself to compose his wire. Again and again he made the attempt, but at length he put down the pen and looked around piteously at his friend. "I cannot say it!" he exclaimed in a hurried whisper.

"Come outside a minute," said the convener, taking his arm. "Now tell me what you want to say and perhaps I can help you."

"Oh!" cried Shock, wreathing his great fingers in his agony. "I want to say—good-bye—No, no, not that! I want to tell her—give her my love and say I want to see her. She will be wanting me." His breath began to come in great heaving sobs.

"Let me try," said his friend. "You stay out here."

After some moments the convener returned and handed Shock a paper on which he had written: "God keep you, mother dear. My heart's love to you. Shall I come?"

"Will that do?" he asked.

"Yes; yes; thank you. That is good."

"Now," said the convener, when they had reached the house, "you must rest."

"I am not tired," said Shock, as if in surprise.

"My dear fellow, you are half dead."

"No, I am quite right, and besides, there's Ike. I ought to look after Ike."

"Don't you worry about Ike," said the convener. "He's able to look after himself; besides I'll look him up when I get you to sleep. Come now," and he led him into the tiny bedroom. "You get into bed; I'll bring you a cup of tea and you can sleep. No one will disturb you, and I'll wake you at the right time, never fear."

"I don't think I am sleepy," said Shock; but when in a few minutes his friend came back with his cup of tea he found Shock in a sleep so profound that he had not the heart to wake him. "Poor chap, poor chap!" said the convener, looking down upon the strong, rugged face, now so haggard. "This is a hard country!"

For hours Shock lay dead in sleep. Before nightfall the convener went to look up Ike, and on his return found his guest still asleep. "Let him sleep, it will do him good," he said to his kind-hearted wife, who would have wakened Shock to have supper. "We'll let him sleep till an answer comes to his wire."

Late at night he went down to the telegraph office.

"Yes," replied the clerk in answer to his enquiry, "there's a wire for Mr. Macgregor just come in. Bad news, too, I guess."

The convener took the message and read:

"Your mother passed away in perfect peace this evening. Your message brought her great joy. She wished me to send this reply: 'The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. Stay at your post, lad, till He calls.'

"HELEN."

"'Stay at your post till He calls,' " read the convener again. "A great soul that. That word will do him good."

He was right. He found Shock waiting for him, calm, expectant and ready to bear whatever life might bring, nor did his face change as he read the wire over and over again. He only said: "God is very good to us. She went away in peace, and she got my wire and I here."

"Yes," said the convener, "God is always good. We sometimes cannot see it, but," he added, "it was a great matter that your sister could have been there with her."

"My sister?" said Shock. "Oh!" a sudden flush redenning his pale cheek. "She's not my sister—she's my—she's our friend, yes, a dear friend. It would be a great joy to my mother to have her."

There was no sign of grief in his face, but a great peace seemed to have settled upon him. Long into the night he talked over the affairs of his mission field, giving in response to the keen questions of his convener a full account of the work he had been carrying on, opening up the plans he had made for future work. In particular was he anxious to enlist the convener's sympathy in his scheme for a reading room and hospital at the Pass. The convener shook his head at the plan. "I agree with you entirely," he said, "but the committee, I fear, will not give you a grant for a hospital. If it were a church now——"

"Well," argued Shock, "it will serve for a church."

"You may count on me to do my best for you," replied the convener, "but I am not sanguine. The committee are extremely cautious and conservative." But when the convener came to ask about the difficulties and trials of his life his missionary became silent. There were no trials and difficulties to speak of, no more at least than the rest of the people had to bear. They were all good to him.

"That's all right," said the convener, "but there are difficulties, none the less. It is a hard country, and sometimes it lays burdens upon us almost greater than we can bear. There are the poor McIntyres, now," he continued. "How did you find them?"

"Very well," replied Shock. "But, indeed, I didn't notice much."

And then the convener told him of the story of their great grief.

"It is a common enough story in this country. The little baby was five months old, singularly bright and attractive. McIntyre himself was quite foolish about it; and, indeed, the whole congregation were quite worked up over it. Took suddenly ill, some mysterious trouble; no doctor within forty miles; before he arrived the baby was gone. They were dreadfully cut up about it."

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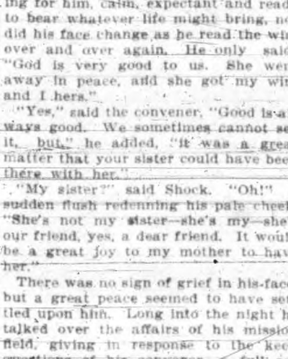

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WANTED—Old coats and vests, pants, boots and shoes, trunks, valises, shotguns, revolvers, overcoats, etc. Highest cash prices paid. Will call at any address. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 64 Johnson street, two doors below Government street.

WANTED—Upright office desk, six feet long; also typewriter, in good condition and cheap. P. O. Box 353, city.

WANTED—Old copper, brass, zinc, lead and any waste material. We are dealers only in junk, we are therefore prepared to pay the highest market prices. Call or write for price list. Victoria Junk Agency, 30 and 32 Store street.

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Are invited for the erection of a building (opp. 134-0 and 60-0) on the site of Sehl Furniture Store on Government street.

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FOR SALE—English sea boots, $2.50; Winchester rifle, $7.50; Solar Gas Lamp and carbide, $2.50; gun metal watches, $1.50; hand sewing machine, $3.50; violin and bow, $5; spectacles, $1; boys' stylish fob chains, 75c. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 64 Johnson street, two doors below Government.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—Barred Rocks and Silver-Laced Wyandottes, good egg producing and utility strains, $1.25 per 15, incubator lots, $6 per 100. Cash or postal note with order. S. Percival, Sunnyside Ranch, North Pender Island, B. C., or Windsor Grocery.

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FOR SALE—Underwood typewriter, No. 5. Apply 70 Yates street, room 20.

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All persons having claims against the deceased (who died 10th January, 1907, and probate of whose will was on the 25th day of January, 1907, granted by the Supreme Court to the undersigned) are hereby notified to send full particulars of their claims in writing, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the first day of April, 1907, after which date the undersigned will proceed to pay the claims against the estate and distribute the surplus, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have received notice.

All persons indebted to the estate are requested to pay their debts to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated 25th day of January, 1907.

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TO LET—Furnished house, on Fort street. Address Box 912, Times Office.

FOR RENT—Good corner store, with house attached. Apply 70 Frederick.

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FOR SALE—6 roomed house, nice lot, electric light, etc., flowers and fruit, on Douglas street car line, price $1,350. Apply D. Hammond, owner, Box 194, Phone 1369, Res., 334 Douglas street.

FOR SALE—5 roomed house, bath and pantry, and lot, on Pembroke street, above Cook, $1,050, $250 cash per month. Apply D. Hammond, owner, Box 194, Phone 1369, Res., 334 Douglas street.

FOR SALE—1½ story 6 roomed house, on Pembroke street, in good condition; price $1,200, terms. Apply D. Hammond, 334 Douglas street. Phone 1369.

IMPROVED FARM of 100 acres for sale, in best farming district on Vancouver Island. Apply for address to Times Office.

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FOR SALE—Real estate, 3 lots overlooking Oak Bay, $1,000; 1 lot, Head street, $300; 230 acres, 1 mile from Goldstream Station, $1,200. Apply to owner, F. J. Bittancourt, The Ark. 2 phones.

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Large shipment of Chinese Pongee Silks, best qualities; also Japanese Cotton Crepe, of all colors and prices, for sale by piece or by yard, or in any quantity required, at lowest prices.

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We have them ranging in price from $1,600 to $20,000.

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WE HAVE 4 cultivated acres, city water turned on, with electric light and street cars available, at $1,000 per acre and $500 for improvements.

WE HAVE other acreage within 15 minutes' walk of the Post Office, $1,800 to $2,000 per acre.

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WE HAVE them ranging in price from $225 to $3,500.

Remember our address:
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76 GOVERNMENT STREET.

CADBORO BAY—Choice beach frontage, close to the Hudson's Bay property recently acquired by Oldfield & Gardner; without question the best buy on the market to-day.

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Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late James Miller, who died on or about the 26th day of November, 1906, at Galiano Island, in the Province of British Columbia, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned, Solicitors herein for Margaret Ann Miller, Executrix under the will of the said James Miller, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims, and statements of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after the 1st day of April, 1907, the said Margaret Ann Miller will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice, and that the said Margaret Ann miller will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any persons of whose claim she shall not then have received notice.

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—Rev. W. Leslie Cly yesterday officated at the interment of the late Geo. Butterworth. The funeral took place from the British Columbia Funeral Furnishing Co.'s parlors, and was largely attended. Among the mourners were the nurses of the Royal Jubilee Hospital and the members of the Longshoremen's union. The pallbearers were C. Ward, B. Martin, J. Hanlon, I. Nelson, J. Welsh and W Malby.

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—St. Patrick's Day, which falls this year on Sunday, will be celebrated on Saturday evening next under the auspices of the Catholic citizens of Victoria at the Institute hall. A. E. McPhillips will preside, and Dennis Murphy, of Ashcroft, will deliver the oration. A programme will be rendered, Mrs. Moresby, Miss O'Keefe, J. G. Brown and A. J. Julier having consented to take part. Tickets are on sale at Fletcher Bros.' music store.

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Made of Mahogany, is of very striking appearance, very large oval shape bevelled plate mirror 18x40 in., size of top is 20x36 in., handsome front containing two large drawers, cast brass trimmings Price $35.00

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Made of Maple, nicely finished, stands 56 in. high, has writing bed, size 17x24 in., contains 14 good sized pigeon holes, and is indeed a bargain at $6.00

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Made of solid quartered golden oak, is 45 inches long 16 inches wide and 22 inches deep, is beautifully polished, has two compartments, and is of very striking and graceful appearance Price $40.00

Buffet

Made of solid quartered golden oak polished, size of top is 22x42 in., has swell front containing two large drawers, has large lower shelf and very handsome carved legs. Price $35.00

Music Cabinets

Made of Birch, Mahogany finish, stands three feet high, front is very nicely carved, contains six shelves inside, and is of very attractive appearance. Price $12.50

Another made of Oak, open front nicely finished, contains six shelves. Price $8.00

Sideboard

Made of surfaced oak, nicely finished, size of top 17x44 in., has British bevel plate mirror at back 14x24 in., has large shelf and two display shelves, contains two drawers and one large double cupboard, polished brass trimmings. Price $22.50

We have others from $140. down to $16.00

Sideboard

Made of solid golden oak, polished, size of top 22x56 in. has British bevel plate mirror at back 18x36 in., has large display shelf and two small ones, contains one silver drawer lined and two small ones, large double cupboard with handsome carved doors and one very large drawer. Price $45.00

Sideboard

Made of solid golden oak, polished, size of top 23x54 in., has British bevel plate mirror at back 18x36 in., has large display shelf and two small ones supported by very nicely shaped standards, contains three small drawers and one large one, has large double cupboard with beautifully carved doors. Price $55.00

Combination Sideboard

Made of golden oak, polished stands 72 in. high, has cupboard in centre containing three shelves and handsome leaded glass door, one drawer underneath cupboard, also bevel plate mirror each side 16x19 in., has two small drawers and large cupboard, each side of centre cupboard has two display shelves upheld by graceful shaped standards, has cast brass trimmings and carved feet. Price $85.00

Centre Tables

Made of Birch, Mahogany finish, size of top 24x24 in., has shaped shelf underneath has very nice shaped legs. Price $3.50

CENTRE TABLE, made of oak, has shaped top 24x24, has carved panel underneath top, has lower shaped shelf and twisted shaped legs, is a bargain at $6.50

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Work Tables

Made of golden oak, polished, has square top 16 x 16 inches, contains two drawers has shaped legs and polished brass trimmings. Price $9.00

WORK TABLE, made of Mahogany, well finished, square top 14x20 in., has one drawer with polished brass trimmings, straight legs. Price $10.00

WORK TABLE, made of Mahogahy, polished, has large top with drop leaf at each end, stands on handsome pedestal, contains two drawers with crystal trimmings. Price $25.00

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